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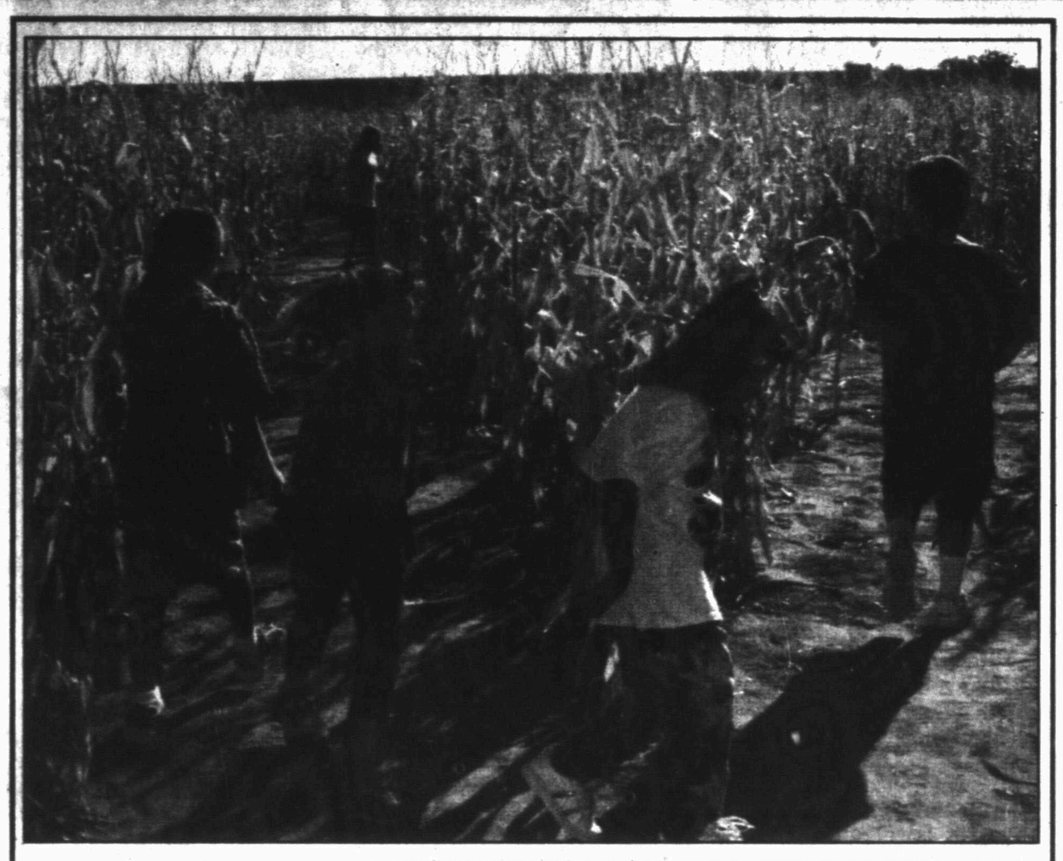

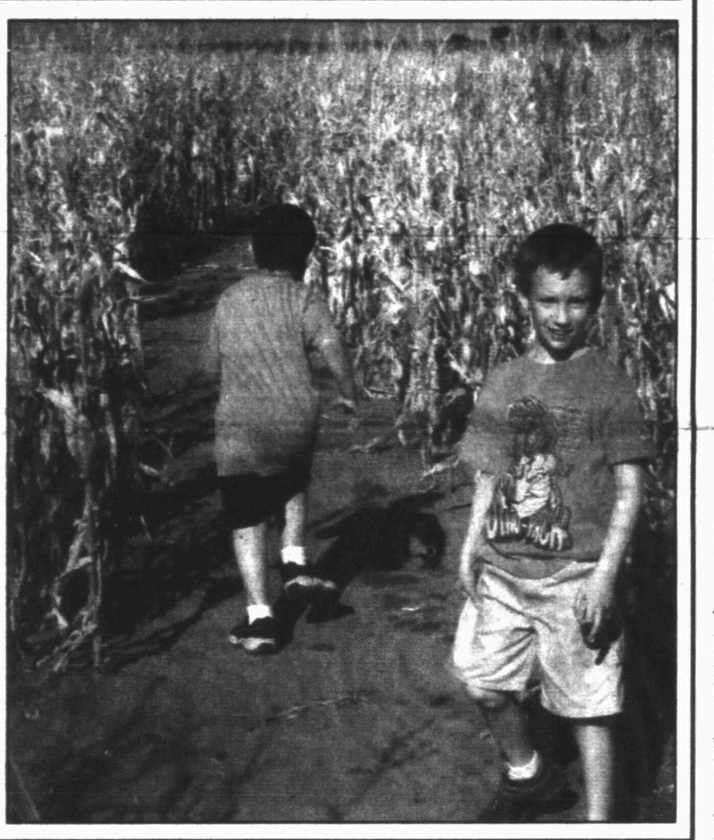

CHILDREN OF THE CORN — Second graders from Suzanne Doolittle's and Carolyn Torres' classes braved the heat this morning and attempted to find their way through the corn maze cut by Greg Gafford northeast of Snyder. The students were searching for clues and items located in the maze and got a first-hand look at agriculture, which they have been studying since the start of school. (SDN Staff Photo)

For 2003...

Despite rising costs, appraisal budget lower

Scurry County Appraisal District's board of directors Wednesday gave formal approval to the district's 2003 budget of $596,173.

"The whole budget process went very smoothly," Chief Appraiser Larry Crooks said.

The new budget is $322 less than the current spending plan despite a 15 percent increase in health insurance costs.

"Our insurance costs rose 30 percent last year and hopefully that has stabilized and won't go up much, but we felt it necessary to budget an increase again this year to be on the safe side," Crooks said. "We added $10,000 for medical insurance."

Another large decrease that helped the budget to be lowered is $5,000 less set aside for unemployment payments. Last year the district included $7,000 to pay a claim, but only $2,000 was added to the new budget.

Other decreases include $2,500 less for equipment purchases and $2,090 for mail equipment paid off during the current year.

A one-time purchase of aerial maps at a cost of $5,500 also was added to the current budget, but is not included in the new spending plan.

Crooks said salaries increased by just under four percent, with a three-percent cost of living raise given to the district's 11 employees.

Three employees also received an additional three-percent pay hike because of assuming additional job responsibilities.

Also approved Wednesday was the collection budget for Hermleigh and Ira school districts.

The new budget is $2,700, an increase of $1,365 over the current plan.

Crooks said the increase is a result of higher postage rates and salary adjustments.

Board chairman Harold Lacik presided and all directors were present to include Fred Cross, Joe Flowers, David Beaver, Donald Tate and Diana Williamson.

'Grand Champion' to benefit cancer society with showings

Fans of Snyder native Barry Tubb's "Grand Champion" will have the opportunity to see the movie at Lubbock's Cinemark Movies 16 beginning Friday.

The film will be shown Friday through Sunday at 2:15, 4:45, 7:15 and 9:45 p.m.

There will be special morning showings Saturday and Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

"The showings are part of the National Cowboy Symposium," said Tubb. "And all proceeds will benefit the Cowboy Cancer Crusade as part of the American Cancer Society."

"This will be a great opportunity for everyone in Snyder and the entire area to go see the movie and to help out in the fight against cancer," said Tubb.

The writer, producer, director and even actor in the movie said negotiations are still underway with distributors as far as the national release of the movie is concerned.

The movie was filmed primarily in Snyder a year ago and caused quite a stir as several guest appearances were made by Tubb's friends, including Academy Award winner Julia Roberts.

George Strait spent most of one Saturday afternoon at Scurry County Coliseum as he and Robert's niece, Emma, did the Hokey Pokey as did a large number of local extras.

Joey Lauren Adams also starred in the production.

Others with parts in the movie are Bruce Willis, Natalie Maines, Robert Earl Keen and Eloise DeJoria.

Matthew Price, manager of Movies 16, said admission is a minimum donation of $5 to the American Cancer Society.

"Everything donated will go to fight cancer," said Price.

The theatre is located outside Loop 289 in Lubbock west of the South Plains Mall.

"The easiest way to find it is to [illegible] 327," added Price who once managed the Cinema in Snyder.

Snyder ISD trustees will meet

Snyder ISD board of trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. today with the Texas Association of School Boards consultant regarding the superintendent search.

The meeting will be in the school administration boardroom.

Following at 7:30 p.m., a town hall meeting will be held in the Snyder Junior High auditorium for the public to give input to the consultant.

At 11 a.m. Friday in the administration building, another meeting will be held with the consultant with business and civic leaders invited to give input on the profile of the person the board should seek in replacing Gayle Lomax, who abruptly resigned before the start of the school year.

Army checks weaponry and supplies near Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army recently moved weaponry and war supplies from Qatar to a base in Kuwait near the Iraqi border to check their condition and test procedures that would be used in the event President Bush orders preparations for war, the Army's top civilian official said today.

Army Secretary Thomas White said the movement to Camp Doha in Kuwait was a training exercise designed to periodically validate the condition of war materiel and practice loading and offloading it.

"We have done a lot with prepositioned stocks in the Gulf, making sure they're accessible and that they're in the right spot to support whatever the president wants to do," White said in an interview with a group of reporters.

"But we've done nothing specifically against any particular scenario" for war, he said.

White said the stocks that were shifted to Kuwait in July were later moved back to their permanent position in Qatar, but a spokesman for Army Forces Central Command, Maj. Rich Steele, said in an interview that the materiel remains in Kuwait. That amounts to a doubling of the war supplies [illegible] at Camp Doha.

Steele said the extra supplies were needed because the Army had added two battalions to the existing force at Camp Doha over the past several months. The soldiers were added over a period of months starting last fall to discourage Iraq from thinking the United States was so preoccupied with the war in Afghanistan that it was not ready to defend Kuwait, Steele said.

The war materiel includes tanks and other armored vehicles, as well as fuel, ammunition and other supplies. The purpose of storing it in the Gulf region is to have it readily available to link up with additional soldiers who would be flown to Kuwait from Europe or the United States as reinforcements.

Army officials could not immediately say when was the last time prepositioned war stocks were moved to Kuwait for inspection and testing. Kuwait would be a natural jumping-off point for any U.S. land invasion of Iraq. More than 9,000 soldiers are at Camp Doha, training in the desert.

White stressed repeatedly that Bush has made no decision about war against Iraq and that it would be inappropriate for him to discuss possible scenarios or timelines for an Army buildup in the Gulf.

THE SDN COLUMN

MY TURN

by Brian Brisendine

What a difference a year makes.

That statement is an old one, but never has it been more true.

A year ago this time, national headlines were centered on Gary Condit and his missing intern. Locally, debate was roaring over the county coliseum.

Then Sept. 11 happened and all those other topics suddenly seemed secondary.

America was under attack and millions watched live coverage of the devastation. The images from that Tuesday morning are seared into the memory of anyone who was conscious that day.

We can close our eyes and see — with frightening clarity — when the planes crashed and when the buildings fell.

It was painful to watch and it is painful even to remember. But remembering is what we have to do.

If America forgets, or if America chooses to act as if nothing happened, the terrorists who killed so many, have accomplished what they set out to do.

News stories have circulated recently of people being polled on whether or not Sept. 11 should become a national holiday.

Opinion on the subject is split almost evenly.

We say no. It is not appropriate to make the day a holiday.

We don't think people should get the day off from work so they can go home and fire up the grill to picnic in the backyard. And that's what it would become.

Americans already misuse one holiday that is very similar. Memorial Day is set aside to reflect and to remember the men and women who gave their lives to protect our freedoms.

Other than a few early morning flag raising ceremonies each year, we don't see much reflection any more on Memorial Day.

Stores hold sidewalk sales and offer discount prices to encourage shoppers to come in on their day off. Theme parks see significant jumps in attendance on the holiday.

We're not pointing fingers and we're not laying blame — we're just as guilty. The day has become one of celebration rather than one of remembrance and we're more than a little ashamed of that.

A Sept. 11 holiday probably would get the respect it deserves for a few years, but we doubt it would last long. It too would soon be just another chance to lure shoppers and for ordinary folks to enjoy a leisurely day away from the office.

A more practical argument against a Sept. 11 holiday is its close proximity on the calendar to Labor Day. Two days with the lights off and doors locked within two weeks of each other would be counter-productive for any business.

The last time America was attacked with such audacity was Dec. 7, 1941 at Pearl Harbor. It was another surprise attack early in the morning and the number of lives lost is eerily close to that tally of Sept. 11.

Every year we're reminded of the event, but it is not a holiday and rightfully so. We think this entirely appropriate and a good blueprint on how to handle the more recent tragedy.

Memories of Sept. 11 won't fade and they never should.

But we should remember the day with respect — not with hotdogs and lemonade and a trip to the mall.

ASK US

Q—Who is responsible for maintaining the grounds at the Snyder Post Office?

A—U.S. Postal Department personnel.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 92; low, 71; 7 a.m. Thursday, 71; no precipitation; total for 2002, 15.08 inches.

Area Forecast: Tonight, partly cloudy; low around 70; SE winds 5-15 mph. Friday, partly cloudy; high lower 90s; SE winds 5-15 mph. Friday night, partly cloudy, low around 70.

Alex Alcala
Partly Cloudy

Sunset: 8:02 p.m.
Sunrise: 7:22 a.m.

Of 247 days in 2002, the sun has shone 240 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

You have to help your friends, or you won't have any.

—Russell B. Long

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Hatfill's firing does not disrupt LSU campus

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Despite the small firestorm it created in Washington, the firing of a Louisiana State University researcher under scrutiny in the anthrax attacks received scant attention on campus.

Dr. Steven J. Hatfill had little contact with faculty or students at LSU, but having his name in the national news almost every day did little to increase his visibility on campus.

Karl Roider, a history professor and former dean of arts and sciences at LSU, recalls only one comment on the subject.

"It was favorable I remember, because the person said it's just bad publicity to have him on the faculty," Roider said Wednesday. "Short-term bad publicity is better than long-term bad publicity."

LSU fired Hatfill on Tuesday, only two months after naming him to the newly created, $150,000-a-year job of associate director of LSU's National Center for Biomedical Research and Training.

The research center isn't a typical LSU academic unit. It gets 97 percent of its budget from the Justice Department and sends most of its instructors away from campus to train emergency responders how to deal with bioterrorism agents.

Hatfill "is sort of marginal," said Laurie Anderson, president of the LSU Faculty Senate's executive committee. "He's not a typical faculty member."

Hatfill seems to have left little imprint on the LSU campus during his brief stint here. Amy Nemetz, an LSU freshman, said she hadn't even heard of Hatfill or the FBI's interest in him until he was fired.

"The first I heard about it was on CNN last night and in the newspaper this morning," Nemetz said.

Michelle Peterson said she and her fellow students really hadn't been discussing Hatfill's firing, although they knew he had been in the news lately. "It really doesn't seem to be a big deal" on campus, she said.

The Justice Department, which has called Hatfill a "person of interest" in the anthrax attacks, told the school in August it could not use Hatfill on projects funded by grants from the department.

LSU spokesman Gene Sands said Hatfill's supervisor, Steven Guillot, received an e-mail Aug. 1 directing him to "cease and desist" from using Hatfill on such projects.

The next day, Hatfill was placed on administrative leave by LSU.

Sands said Guillot did not alert senior administration officials to the e-mail until Tuesday, the day Hatfill was fired, but Sands said the decision to put Hatfill on administrative leave and later fire him was not connected to the e-mail.

Sands said the university is investigating why senior officials were not told about the e-mail.

LSU Chancellor Mark Emmert made no mention of the e-mail in a statement Tuesday announcing Hatfill's firing. Emmert said the move wasn't a judgment of guilt but was in the "best interest of LSU."

Justice Department officials declined comment on the e-mail.

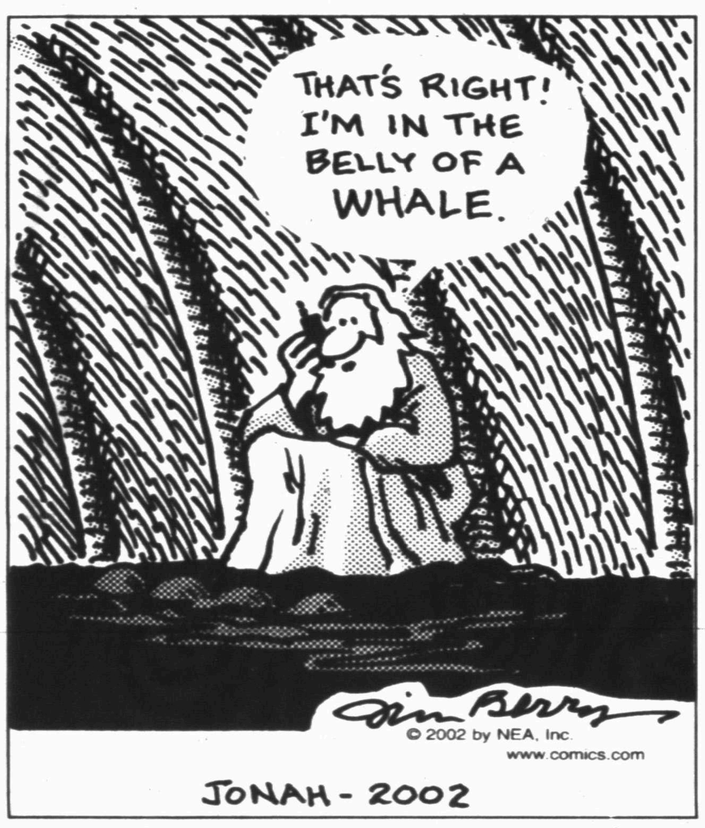
Pat Clawson, Hatfill's spokesman, said the e-mail was an attempt to pressure Hatfill into a false confession.

"We're stunned to learn of this," Clawson said Wednesday. "We're outraged. Blacklisting by the government is offensive and un-American. Obviously, (Attorney General John) Ashcroft wants to bring blacklisting back to the federal scene. Where was the due process?"

Hatfill blamed the FBI's anthrax investigation for his termination Tuesday.

Five people were killed by anthrax-tainted letters sent through the mail last fall. Law enforcement officials have said Hatfill, 48, is not a suspect and no evidence links him to the anthrax letters. They have described him as a person of interest in their investigation, no more important than about 30 fellow scientists and researchers with the expertise and opportunity to conduct the attacks.

Hatfill, however, has been treated differently from the others. FBI and Postal Service agents twice searched his apartment in Frederick, Md., the second time with a search warrant.



Personal impact of attacks fade; targeted cities on edge

WASHINGTON (AP) — The personal impact of the terrorist attacks almost a year ago has diminished considerably around the country, according to new polls, but less so for residents of the cities attacked — New York and Washington.

Residents of the New York area were more likely to say they faced continued emotional stress. Residents of the Washington area said they were more concerned they live in an area where a future terrorist attack is likely.

Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press, said he was surprised "by the differences between the nation as a whole, New York and Washington."

When people were asked about the importance to them personally of the Sept. 11 attacks, half of New Yorkers said the attacks were the most important thing to occur in their lives in the past year, while just under half, 44 percent, of those in Washington felt that way. Fewer than four in 10 of those around the country, 38 percent, felt that way.

Almost all in the survey, 97 percent, said they can remember exactly where they were and what they were doing the moment they heard about the attacks. "One of the big findings was that just about everyone was bonded by this," Kohut said.

Nationally, two-thirds said the attacks had a great emotional impact on them. That was slightly higher in the two targeted cities.

But the emotions have lasted longer in New York and Washington. Six in 10 residents of both cities said they have taken preventive measures against terrorism. Nationally, the number was just over four in 10.

Three in 10 in those two cities say they have traveled less by air, handled mail differently and avoided public events as a result of the attacks.

New Yorkers were hardest hit by the emotional consequences — with almost half saying they still wrestle with emotional consequences of the attacks such as anger, sadness and depression.

Residents of the Washington area were most likely to be concerned that they live in an area where a future attack is likely — seven in 10 felt that way. Only four in 10 New Yorkers and three in 10 Americans generally felt that way, the poll suggested.

The Pew Research Center's Sept. 11 project consisted of a national poll of 1,001 adults, a New York-area sample of 401 adults and a Washington-area sample of 400 adults interviewed between Aug. 14-25. The error margin was plus or minus 3.5 percentage points nationally and 5.5 percentage points for each of the cities and their suburbs.

The public's confidence in the war on terrorism is slipping, the poll suggested.

Among the poll's national findings on the war on terrorism:

—Only a third thinks terrorists are less able to launch a new attack than they were a year ago, and slightly more think their capacity to attack is about the same.

—Only 15 percent think the war in Afghanistan has been a success, while 70 percent say it's too early to tell.

—People were more inclined to want the government to focus on homeland security than on rooting out terrorist networks overseas.

"What really surprised me was the extent the public is not as satisfied as it was on the war on terrorism," Kohut said.

People were inclined to want the United States engaged in world affairs, by a 53-34 margin. That's a slight drop from October, but higher than the isolationist tendencies that prevailed after the Cold War.

The attacks are still fresh in memory for a quarter of the American public, and four in 10 in the two cities.

One of the biggest effects on people's behavior after Sept. 11 has been on their family lives. Four in 10 say they spend more time at home and with family, a figure that increases to almost six in 10 in New York.

Date Book

Thursday, Sept. 5, 2002

Today is the 248th day of 2002 and the 77th day of summer.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1774, at Carpenters' Hall in Philadelphia, the first session of the Continental Congress began.

On this day in 1905, a peace treaty between Russia and Japan was signed, ending the Russo-Japanese War.

On this day in 1957, Jack Kerouac's "On the Road" was published.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Jesse James (1847-1882), outlaw; Napoleon Lajoie (1875-1959), baseball great; William Devane (1937-), actor, is 65; Raquel Welch (1940-), actress, is 62.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1971, J.R. Richards of the Houston Astros struck out 15 batters in his first major-league game.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "Being a sex symbol is rather like being a convict." — Raquel Welch

TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Aug. 30) and new moon (Sept. 6).

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TEXAS LOTTERY

RESULTS

Wednesday's Lottery Numbers
Lotto Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — No tickets correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated $4 million.

The numbers drawn Saturday night from a field of 54 were: 8-25-27-28-49-50.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $6 million.

Cash Five

Pick 3
(Day) 2-0-2
(Night) 2-5-5

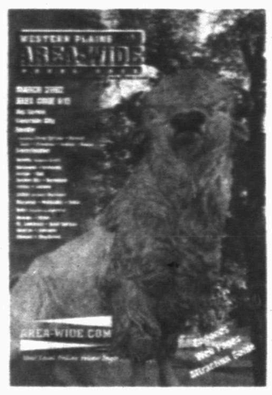
In accordance with Section 152.013 (c) of the Local Government Code, notice is hereby given that the Scurry County Commissioners Court has proposed an annual cost of living increase in their budget year 2003 for Elected Officers as follows:

	Salary Increases	Proposed Salaries
County Judge	$ .00	$30,854.80
County Commissioner, Pct. #1	$ 753.39	$30,330.30
County Commissioner, Pct. #2	$ .00	$26,936.78
County Commissioner, Pct. #3	$ 753.39	$30,090.30
County Commissioner, Pct. #4	$ 753.39	$30,670.30
County Clerk	$ 778.76	$31,281.18
District Clerk	$ 778.76	$31,451.18
Justice of Peace #1	$ 711.19	$28,299.82
County Attorney	$ 958.24	$38,173.06
County Treasurer	$ 769.36	$31,395.30
Tax Collector	$ 785.75	$32,567.27
Sheriff	$1,004.42	$40,606.30
Constable #1	$ 77.51	$ 3,178.88
Constable #2	$ 18.39	$ 845.78

Any other proposed increases in expenses/allowances may be found in the proposed County Budget which is available in the office of County Clerk, Scurry County Courthouse, Snyder, Texas. Call County Auditor, Charlie Bell at 915-573-7121 or County Judge, Ricky Fritz at 915-573-8576 for information relating to salaries, expenses or allowances proposed to be increased and the amount of the proposed increases or any other budget information.

Ricky Fritz
County Judge

WESTERN PLAINS AREA-WIDE PHONE BOOK



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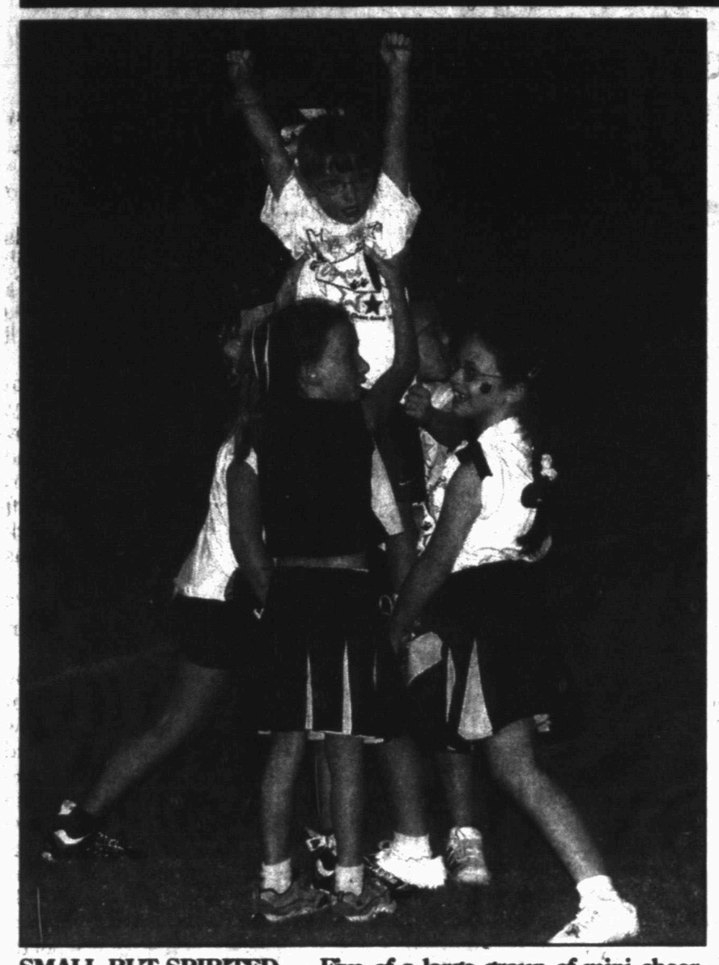
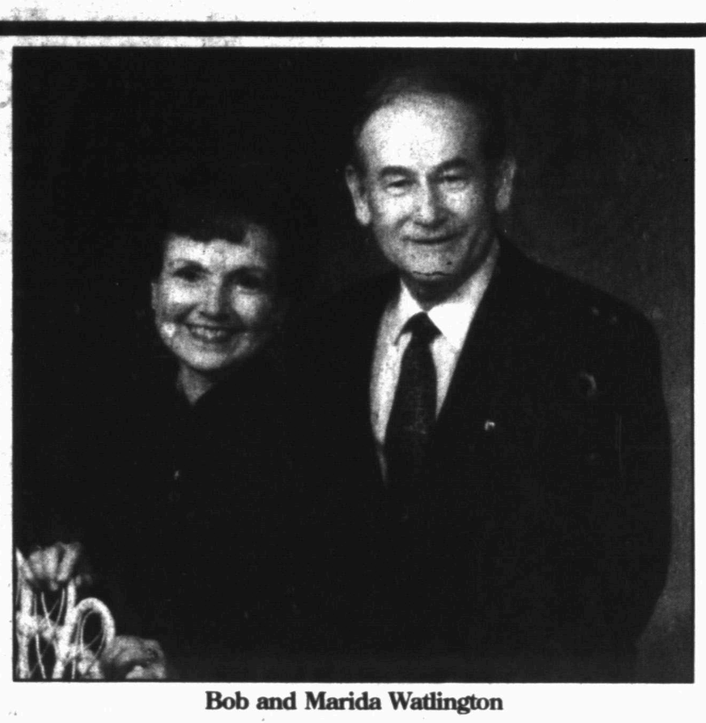


SMALL BUT SPIRITED — Five of a large group of mini cheerleaders performing during halftime of the Snyder-Frenship football game Friday evening included Megan Leatherwood, Nicole Molter, LaTasha Seal, Kylie Bell and Natalie Kerry. Leader of their group was SHS cheerleader Molly Mason, not pictured. The mini camp was held before school started and led by SHS cheerleaders and their sponsor, Rhonda Ward. (SDN Staff Photo)



Bob and Marida Watlington

Watlingtons will celebrate 50th anniversary Saturday

Bob and Marida Watlington of Snyder will be honored with a reception celebrating their golden wedding anniversary from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday in the Family Center at 37th St. Church of Christ.

Their son and daughter, their spouses and four grandsons will host the event. They include David and Sherry Watlington of Rowlett; Lori and West Soward of Colleyville; and grandsons, Todd and Trae Watlington of Rowlett and Lawson and Lane Soward of Colleyville.

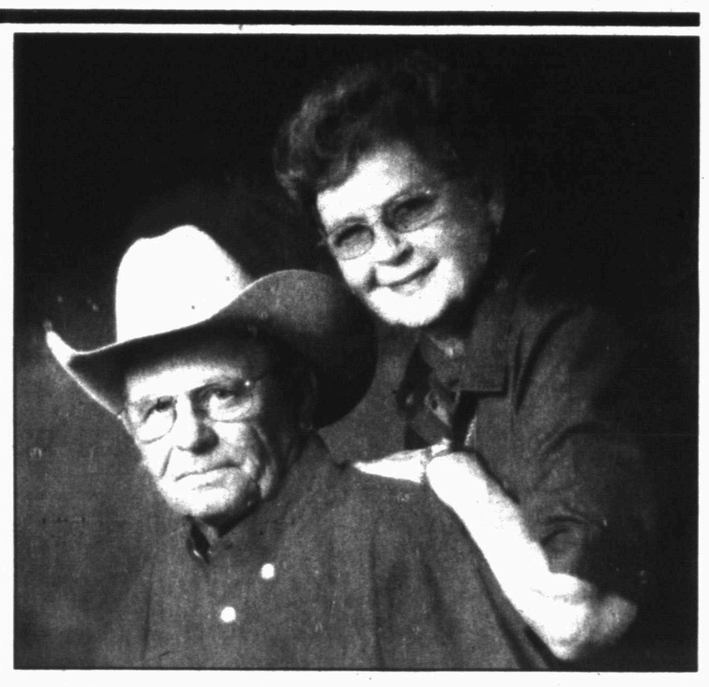
Marida Ray was born on May 30, 1932 in Jones County near Abilene and Bob was born on Jan 22, 1932 in Mitchell County, near Colorado City. They met in April, 1950 at Abilene Christian College, now ACU. Both graduated in 1952, Bob with an agricultural degree and Marida with a degree in secretarial training.

Bob and Marida married in the chapel of University Church of Christ in Abilene on Sept. 5, 1952. They have lived in Fort Stockton, San Diego, Calif., Hobb, N.M., and Snyder the last 45 years.

An agent for National Farm Life Insurance for 43 years, Watlington also served in the U.S. Navy and worked for Humble Oil (Exxon-Mobile). His wife, Marida, has worked as secretary for a bank, an attorney, a drilling company and pipe line company prior to becoming Bob's personal secretary 43 years ago.

Longtime members of 37th St. Church of Christ, Bob has been an elder for 22 years. Civic and life insurance industry organizations he has been active in include the Jaycees, Lions Club, a Chartered Life Underwriter, member of the Association for Financial Planning, Texas Leaders Round Table and Million Dollar Round Table.

Marida has been a Bible Class teacher, nursing home volunteer and a member of the Genealogical Society. Both are mentors in the Prison Ministry.



GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY — Don and Nelva Jones will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday. They were married on Sept. 6, 1952 at the First Presbyterian Church of Snyder and have lived in the Fluvanna Community since their marriage. Their parents were Mert and Ruby Jones and Bill and Jimmie Herring. The Jones' children are Max and Jane Jones of Fluvanna, Donelle and Randy Hensley of O'Donnell, and Carla and Grant Sandusky of Roscoe. The honored couple will be joined by their children and their nine grandchildren as they celebrate at the Wagon Wheel Ranch.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Snyder Garden Club; Scurry County Library; 4 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; horseshoe courts located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information call 573-9762.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; at the coliseum annex; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

AA Big Book Study; closed meeting; contact numbers are 574-8015, 574-1292 or 573-1141; 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-0538 or 573-0770.

Scurry County AA closed meeting; Park Club at Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon open meeting; Park Club; 573-3733, 573-2101 or 5731141; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

NA-Just For Today open meeting; Park Club; for information call 573-1438; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information call 574-1292 or 573-9458; 10 a.m.

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Bridge

By Phillip Alder

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	South ♠ A K 5 2 ♥ A K 7 ♦ Q 10 8 7 ♣ 8 7	

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ Q

Thursday, Sept. 5, 2002

Ducking works, but it might need help

By Phillip Alder

Joseph Conrad, in "Lord Jim," wrote: "It's extraordinary how we go through life with eyes half shut, with dull ears, with dormant thoughts."

At the bridge table, some players have their ears half shut, forgetting the bidding. And (almost) everyone occasionally has his eyes half shut, missing cards. Worst of all, in some respects, though, is when you are wide awake, but your partner is quietly dozing and failing to support the cause.

This deal is similar to yesterday's, but with one critical difference: Both defenders must find key plays. How should they defend against three no-trump?

As mentioned yesterday, North's jump to game is ambitious, but reasonable, especially if playing for money.

After winning trick one with the heart king, South runs the club eight, which East must duck smoothly. (If he wins with the king, declarer has nine tricks: two spades, two hearts and five clubs.)

Declarer will continue with his second club, and now West must make his contribution. He should put up the jack.

If instead West plays the club three, South will probably conclude that if West started with K-J-3-2 of clubs, the contract is unmakable. So, declarer will call for dummy's club ace, and the fall of the king will be a welcome sight.

However, if West plays the club jack on the second round of the suit, South is almost certain to assume that West began with K-J-2 of clubs. Declarer will finesse dummy's queen and finish four down.

Stay awake to the possibilities by keeping your ears, eyes and mind "undormant."

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Toby Keith staying in horse racing

RUIDOSO DOWNS, N.M. (AP) — His horse finished last in the $2 million All American Futurity, but country music star Toby Keith isn't going to pull back on his venture into quarter horse racing.

"You can't catch any fish if you don't have your bait in the water," Keith said as he waited to watch his 2-year-old colt, The Down Side, run in the futurity.

Keith, Ruidoso Downs owner R.D. Hubbard and Texas businessman John T.L. Jones teamed up to buy several yearling quarter horses at a sale in Ruidoso last year.

The Down Side was fast enough to qualify for the All American, the quarter horse industry's version of the Kentucky Derby.

"For the last six or seven years, I've been heavily involved in the thoroughbred business," Keith said.

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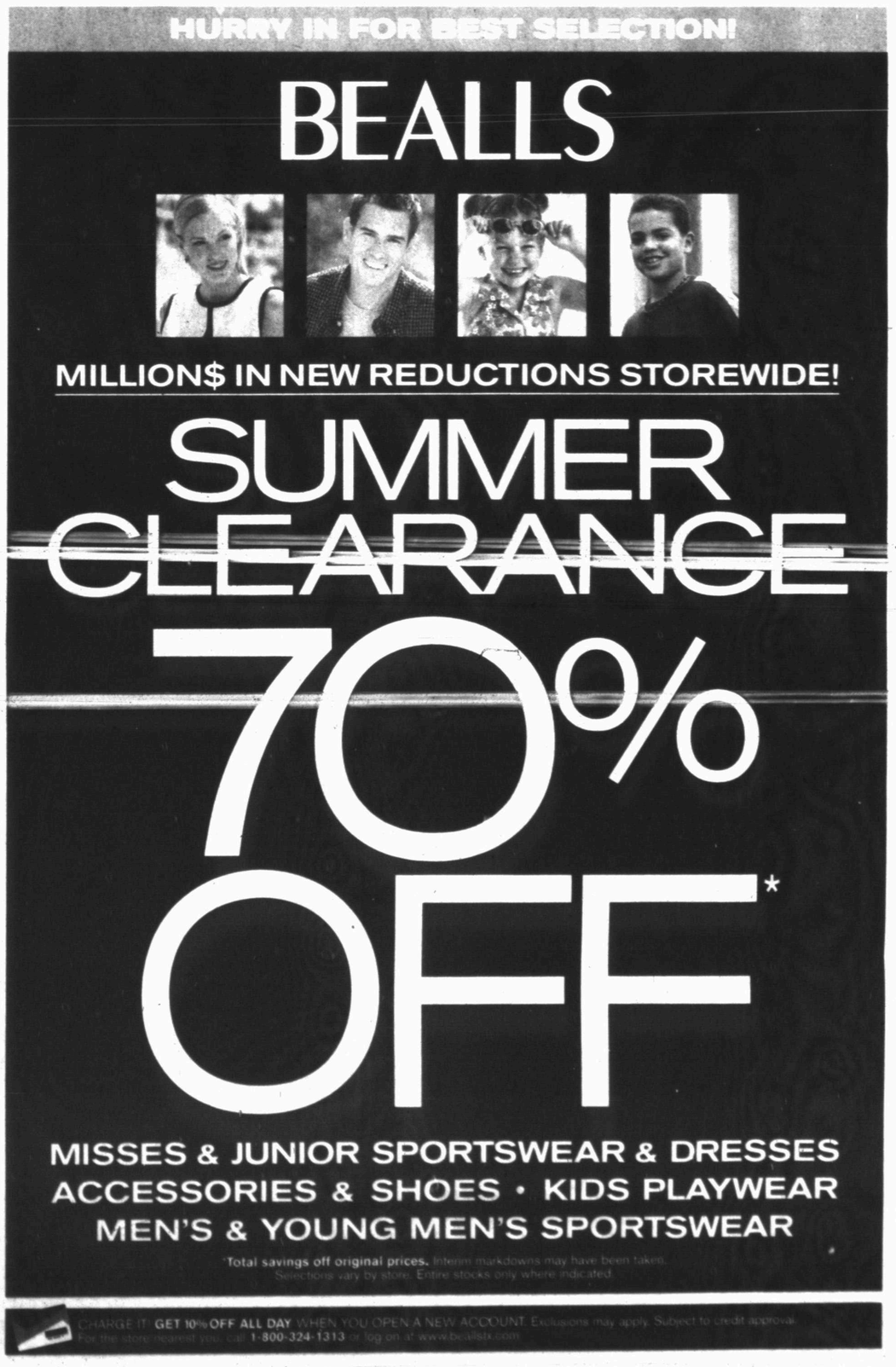

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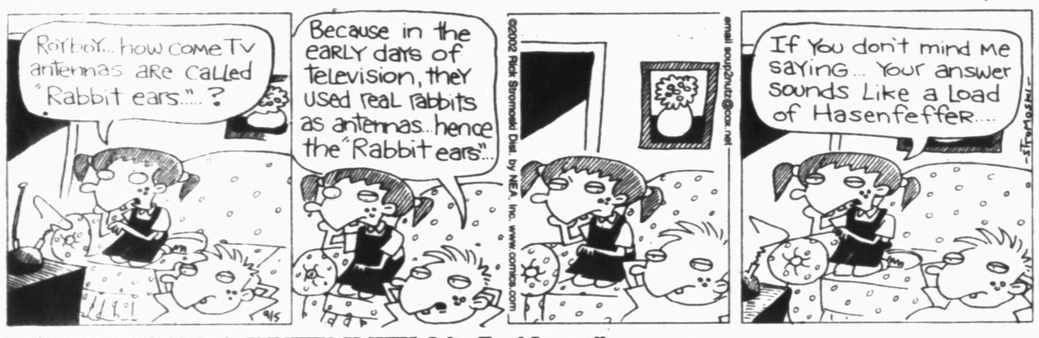

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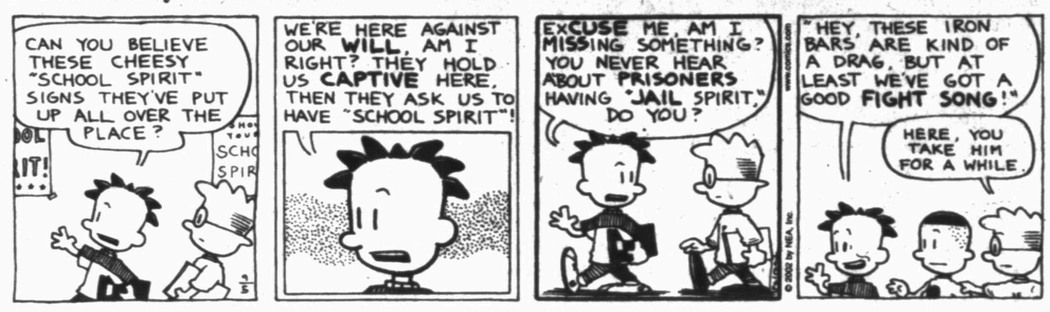

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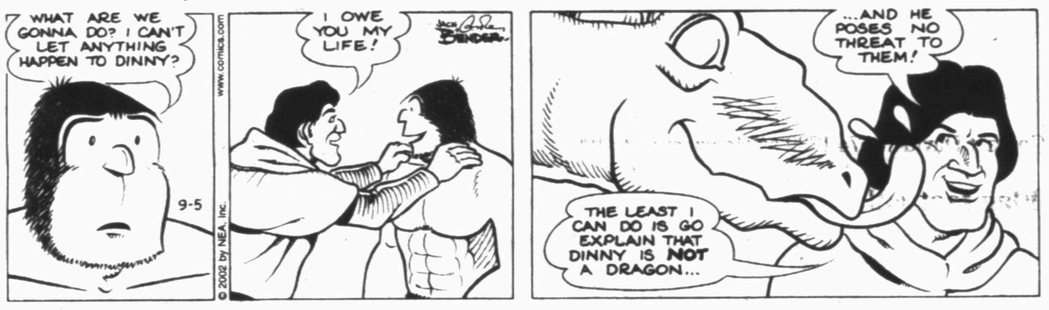

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17 Sweater makings
19 Without feeling
23 Consumed
26 Zany Martha –
28 "Gal" of song
29 Short-order fare
31 Cook a turkey
33 Not better
34 Freights
35 Use poor judgment
36 Batman creator
39 Kingsley of "Gandhi"
40 Unhearing
42 Rank in a tournament
44 Author – Wiesel
46 "– gotta be kidding!"
54 Chance happenings
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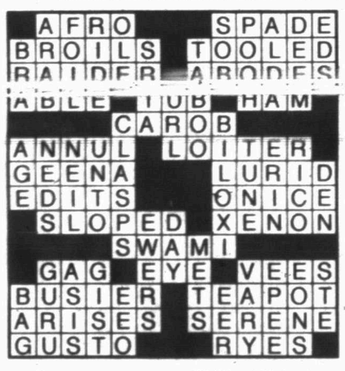

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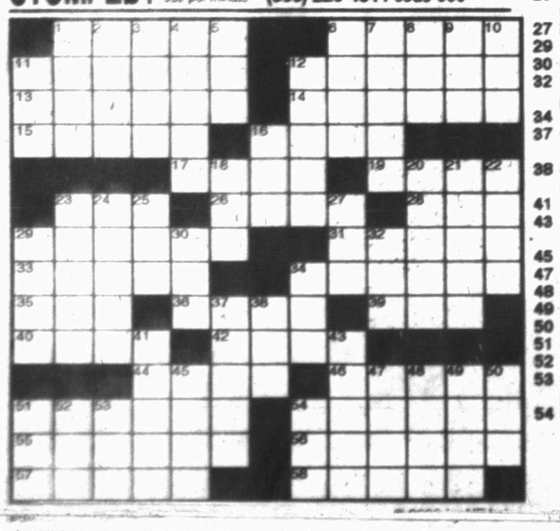

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SPORTS

At Abilene Wylie...

Tigers get ready for another tough test

Coming off a 42-7 season opening day loss to Frenship, things do not get any easier for the Snyder football squad this week.

Snyder plays its first road game of the season Friday at class 3A Abilene Wylie, against a squad that has gone undefeated the last two regular seasons and was ranked number 11 in the state this preseason.

Head Coach Chad Rogers said that, like Frenship, Abilene Wylie is a well-coached, fundamentally sound football team.

"We're playing two of the best programs in West Texas these first two games," he said. "We expect our program to be where they are."

He said the team had no loss of confidence following its rough outing against Frenship.

"The kids have responded," he said. "They have worked harder this week than last week."

Snyder will again hand the rushing duties to Boicy Martinez, who filled in on short notice against Frenship, and Chance Greenwood. Martinez rushed four times for 26 yards last week, while playing both ways.

Snyder will look to get the passing game untracked this week after not completing a pass against Frenship. Quarterback T.J. Jones had no time to set up against Frenship, contributing to three interceptions.

"We did some things wrong in that game that we hadn't done before," Rogers said. The mistakes hurt the club as much as the quality of the opponent, Rogers said.

A Wylie squad coming off a 31-7 drubbing of San Angelo Lake View will put that practice work to the test, as Tigers' defensive coordinator Buster Mabrey said the Wylie team is big and aggressive.

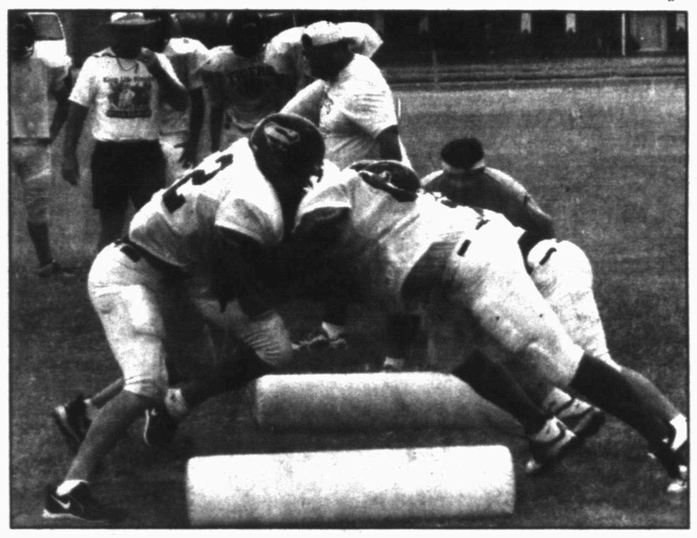
"They average about 258 pounds across the front, and they have a shifty back," he said.

The Tigers will face a stiff challenge from "shifty" Wylie tailback Tommy Felts, who rushed 16 times for 116 yards, including a 36-yard touchdown sprint, last week.

On offense, the Tigers expect pressure from senior defensive end Blain Barton. Wylie forced six turnovers last week, including three interceptions and three forced fumbles. Four of the turnovers were forced in the second half, as Wylie pulled away from San Angelo Lake View.

Defensively, the Tigers will face rotating quarterbacks, with seniors Caleb Martin and Cole Landis alternating virtually every play. Though a quarterback rotation usually springs from the different abilities of each player at the position, Wylie runs similar plays for both quarterbacks.

Mabrey said the defense would need to step up this week against another quality opponent. He said the team did some things well defensively, but, "We gave up 42 points — we didn't play well."



TRENCH WARFARE — The Snyder Tigers go through blocking drills as the coaching staff provides instruction during Wednesday's practice. (SDN Staff Photo)

O's stop 10-game skid against Texas

BALTIMORE (AP) — Tony Batista had three hits, including a two-run homer, as the Orioles broke a 10-game skid by defeating the Texas Rangers 8-3 Wednesday night.

"It's been tough," Baltimore manager Mike Hargrove said. "I've been in baseball for 35 years, and I don't know that I've ever gone through something like that. ... You swear it's going to last forever."

The Orioles were delighted with their first win since Aug. 23, but didn't want to stop there.

"Hopefully we start rolling now and start winning more ball games," winning pitcher Sidney Ponson said.

Baltimore had gone winless since beating Toronto to reach the .500 mark. Hargrove hopes the team doesn't experience another letdown after yet another significant victory.

Oakland wins 20th straight

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Words failed many of the Oakland Athletics as they tried to describe yet another riveting victory in their uncanny winning streak.

Numbers don't fail, however. The latest was displayed on a huge banner unfurled in a jubilant Coliseum: 20.

The seemingly unstoppable A's set an AL record with their 20th straight victory Wednesday night, even though they made it incredibly hard on themselves. Oakland blew an 11-0 lead before pinch-hitter Scott Hatteberg homered in the bottom of the ninth inning to beat Kansas City 12-11.

Hatteberg was engulfed by his teammates at home plate in a scene nearly identical to the ones in the Coliseum infield in each of Oakland's past two victories. The game had remarkable highs and desolate lows — and the A's are at a loss to explain their skill, their resilience and their pure, unadulterated luck.

"There's a point where you just don't have a lot to say about it," Hatteberg said. "It's a fairy tale, magic-type time in our careers. I know I'll look back on this night for years ... and I'll still wonder how it happened."

A streak filled with dramatic finishes grew even longer thanks to Hatteberg's one-out theatrics in front of 55,528 fans — the largest regular-season crowd in Coliseum history.

After an off-day Thursday, the Athletics will try to extend baseball's longest winning streak in 67 years when they play at Minnesota on Friday night to begin a seven-game road trip. A victory at the Metrodome would put Oakland in a tie with the Chicago Cubs of 1880 and 1935 for the second-longest streak ever — and the longest streak in baseball history that didn't include a tie.

"I'm glad we had an off-day yesterday. If they were back-to-back-to-back, they would have had to cart me out on something," A's manager Art Howe said.

Oakland broke a three-way tie for the longest winning streak in AL history with the 1906 Chicago White Sox and the 1947 New York Yankees. The major league record of 26 consecutive victories was set by the New York Giants in 1916 — though that included a tie.

The Royals, showing a passion that belied their 55-84 record, scored five runs in the eighth — three on a homer by Mike Sweeney that curved against a driving wind into the stands. They tied it on a two-out bloop single by Luis Alicea in the top of the ninth.

"[illegible] it was a record breaker, but I don't want to watch this one on film too much," Howe said.

But it was difficult to remember the flaws as Hatteberg leaped around the bases after clobbering a fastball from Jason Grimsley.

Sports Briefs

Baseball booster club

The baseball booster club will meet Monday at 7 p.m. at the high school practice field. Everyone is invited to attend.

Snyder softball tournament

The Jesters will hold their inaugural U.S.S.S.A.-sanctioned softball tournament Sept. 20-22 at Winston Park. Entry fee is $125 per team. Contact David at 574-1729 or Henry at 573-4199.

Flag football

Any teams interested in playing TAAF flag football should contact Earl Ware at 573-0800 before Oct. 7.

Baseball plans moment of silence

NEW YORK (AP) — All major league night games on Sept. 11 will pause at 9:11 p.m. local time for a moment of silence in remembrance of last year's terrorist attacks.

A videotape will be shown in memory of those who died. During afternoon games on Sept. 11, the moment of silence will be held during the seventh-inning stretch.

U.S. basketball beaten by Argentina

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The basketball universe changed forever. The most powerful nation in the history of the sport lost a game. Argentina pulled off a victory that until recently was considered nearly impossible, defeating the United States 87-80 in the World Championships.

MLB Standings

National League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	88	50	.638	—
Philadelphia	69	69	.500	19
Montreal	69	70	.496	19½
Florida	65	70	.485	20
New York	63	74	.460	24½
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
St. Louis	78	61	.561	—
Houston	73	66	.525	5
Cincinnati	67	72	.482	11
Pittsburgh	61	79	.436	17½
Chicago	60	80	.429	18½
Milwaukee	50	90	.357	28½
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Arizona	86	53	.619	—
Los Angeles	81	58	.583	5
San Francisco	78	60	.565	7½
Colorado	63	77	.450	23½
San Diego	60	79	.432	26

Wednesday's Games
Chicago Cubs 3, Milwaukee 0
Arizona 7, Los Angeles 1
Atlanta 6, Pittsburgh 0
Montreal 8, Philadelphia 5
N.Y. Mets 11, Florida 3
St. Louis 10, Cincinnati 5
San Diego 5, Houston 1
Colorado 2, San Francisco 1

Thursday's Games
Philadelphia (Wolf 10-7) at Montreal (Vazquez 8-12), 1:35 p.m.
Houston (Miller 8-3) at San Diego (Peavy 5-6), 5:05 p.m.
Florida (Penny 6-4) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 8-10), 7:10 p.m.
Arizona (Schilling 21-5) at San Francisco (Schmidt 10-6), 10:15 p.m.

Friday's Games
Florida (Tejera 8-6) at Pittsburgh (Benson 6-6), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Leiter 11-11) at Philadelphia (B.Myers 3-3), 7:05 p.m.
Montreal (Yoshii 4-7) at Atlanta (Millwood 15-6), 7:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Dessens 7-7) at Milwaukee (Sheets 9-15), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Al.Benes 1-0) at St. Louis (An.Benes 4-4), 8:10 p.m.
San Diego (Eaton 0-0) at Colorado (Cook 0-1), 9:05 p.m.
Houston (Saarloos 6-4) at Los Angeles (Nomo 13-6), 10:10 p.m.
Arizona (Batista 7-8) at San Francisco (Rueter 12-7), 10:35 p.m.

American League
All Times EDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	86	52	.623	—
Boston	77	60	.562	8½
Baltimore	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Toronto	61	78	.439	25½
Tampa Bay	47	91	.341	39
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Minnesota	81	59	.579	—
Chicago	68	71	.489	12½
Cleveland	61	77	.442	19
Kansas City	55	84	.396	25½
Detroit	51	88	.367	29½
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Oakland	88	51	.633	—
Anaheim	84	54	.609	3½
Seattle	81	58	.583	7
Texas	62	76	.449	25½

Wednesday's Games
Minnesota 3, Seattle 2
Baltimore 8, Texas 3
N.Y. Yankees 3, Boston 1
Cleveland 9, Detroit 3
Toronto 6, Chicago White Sox 2
Anaheim 4, Tampa Bay 2
Oakland 12, Kansas City 11

Thursday's Games
Toronto (Miller 6-4) at Boston (Burkett 10-7), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Rogers 12-7) at Baltimore (Johnson 4-11), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Sparks 8-14) at N.Y. Yankees (O.Hernandez 7-4), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Ortiz 11-9) at Tampa Bay (Kennedy 7-9), 7:15 p.m.
Cleveland (R.Rodriguez 1-1) at Chicago White Sox (Glover 7-6), 8:05 p.m.

Friday's Games
Toronto (Halladay 15-6) at Boston (Wakefield 8-5), 7:05 p.m.
Anaheim (Lackey 7-3) at Baltimore (Douglass 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Redman 8-13) at N.Y. Yankees (D.Wells 15-7), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Reyes 2-2) at Tampa Bay (Harper 5-7), 7:15 p.m.
Oakland (Lidle 8-9) at Minnesota (Radke 6-4), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Garcia 14-10) at Kansas City (Sedlacek 3-4), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Burba 4-5) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 17-9), 8:05 p.m.

Giants and 49ers kick off season in New York amid 9/11 tributes

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.Y. (AP) — This is no ordinary season opener for the NFL.

When the San Francisco 49ers and New York Giants meet in the Meadowlands on Thursday night in an unprecedented weekday start to the season, it will be just part of a huge celebration honoring those who died Sept. 11.

Hours before the game, the festivities begin with a concert in Times Square.

"I think it's an honor that we're going to be opening like this and it's a celebration in New York," said Giants coach Jim Fassel, whose team practiced five miles away from the smoke-filled city in the weeks after the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center.

"New York is a great city. The celebration prior to the start of the season gives New Yorkers something to enjoy. We can certainly all remember what happened a year ago. I think New York and the country has rebounded very well from it."

This will mark the first time the league has opened with a single weeknight game before the traditional Sunday start. Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said Wednesday that a Thursday night opener will probably become a fixture, with the games being played in major-market cities around the league.

This game features longtime rivals who in the 1980s and early '90s combined to win seven Super Bowls.

"We feel kind of privileged and honored to be in it, to be quite honest with you," San Francisco coach Steve Mariucci said.

"We were in New York, on Monday Night, against the Jets, after 9/11. It was a very emotional and patriotic evening for all of us and we anticipate it being a little bit like that in some ways."

Both teams come into the season after five-game preseasons.

The Niners opened in Osaka, Japan and capped the preseason with three games in 10 days. New York sandwiched five games in 25 days.

San Francisco returns 20 of 22 starters from a team that posted a 12-4 record, but lost in the first round of the playoffs to Green Bay.

The Giants made a number of changes after missing the playoffs with a 7-9 record a year after they played in the Super Bowl.

The offensive line has been revamped, five-time Pro Bowl linebacker Jessie Armstead was let go in a salary cap move and the kicking game was changed: Matt Allen replaces Rodney Williams as the punter and Matt Bryant takes over for Morten Andersen as the kicker.

But the biggest change may be the addition of first-round draft pick Jeremy Shockey. The tight end from Miami creates definite matchup problems for defenses.

The Niners' offense is a problem for new Giants defensive coordinator Johnnie Lynn. Quarterback Jeff [illegible] Garrison Hearst, receiver Terrell Owens, center Jeremy Newberry and guard Ron Stone are all coming off Pro Bowl seasons. Stone got there with the Giants, then moved on as a free agent.

UNT coach, former Cowboy arrested

DENTON (AP) — The University of North Texas has placed assistant football coach and former Dallas Cowboys receiver Kelvin Martin on paid [illegible] arrest at an Arlington topless club on drug charges.

Martin was in his second season as UNT's receivers and special teams coach when the move was announced Wednesday by Athletic Director Rick Villarreal.

"Until we can rectify this situation, we're asking him to remove himself from the program," Villarreal told the Denton Record-Chronicle in today's editions. "That hurts him, it hurts us, and it hurts those kids."

Martin, 37, was arrested last Thursday at an Arlington topless club on a charge of possession of less than a gram of a controlled substance. He did not coach in the Mean Greens [illegible] season opening loss at University of Texas in Austin on Saturday.

The athletic director said UNT is still investigating reports from Martin, the Arlington police and others.

Villarreal said he hoped to reach a final decision on Martin's status with the university soon.

A fourth-round draft pick of the Cowboys in 1987, Martin played for the team from 1987 to 1992 and again in 1996. He also played for the Seattle Seahawks and the Philadelphia Eagles during his 10-year NFL career.

Area Sports Calendar

TODAY
Football: Wylie at Snyder 9th, 5 p.m.
Football: Snyder JV at Abilene Wylie, 7 p.m.
Football: Ira JV at Blackwell, 6 p.m.
Football: Snyder 7th at Wylie, 5 p.m
Football: Snyder 8th at Wylie, 7 p.m.
Volleyball: Snyder Jr. High at Big Spring, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY
Football: Snyder at Abilene Wylie, 7:30 p.m.
Football: Ira at Whitharral, season opener, 7:30 p.m.
Football: Borden County at Meadow, season opener, 7:30 p.m.
Volleyball: Snyder varsity at Trinity Christian tourney, Lubbock.
Volleyball: Snyder JV at Midland High tourney.
Baseball: WTC at Odessa College, 2 p.m.

SATURDAY
Volleyball: Snyder varsity at Trinity Christian tourney.
Volleyball: Snyder junior varsity at Midland High tourney..
Volleyball: Snyder 9th at Snyder tourney.
Baseball: Vernon JC at WTC, scrimmage, 1 p.m.

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Family calls girl's death tragic accident

BARTLETT, Ill. (AP) — Relatives of a 10-year-old girl who collapsed at a football practice said her death was a tragic accident, even as experts debated the safety of contact football for children.

Family spokesman Peggy Lawson, an aunt of the girl, Taylor Davison, said she has no qualms about children playing tackle football.

"It was just an unfortunate thing that happened to her. I wouldn't discourage any of them from playing football," Lawson said Wednesday outside the family's home in suburban Chicago. She said Taylor, a Girl Scout who was the only girl on her youth football team, was "an 'I-can-do-anything' kind of girl."

But many in the medical community say Taylor didn't belong on the football field.

"To me, the child was subjected to a higher risk than I would accept," said Dr. Charles Shubin, a pediatrician at Mercy Medical Center in Baltimore. "It's asking a lot for an immature body to tolerate."

On Friday, the fifth grader left a noncontact practice complaining of a headache and collapsed as she walked off the field with her coach. She died the following Monday.

Medical examiners said Taylor died of a blow to the head that led to a blood clot on the right side of her brain, possibly caused by a tackle at a full-contact practice three days before her collapse.

Family members say Taylor complained of headaches after that practice, and had a slight headache the next day. However, they say the headaches disappeared until she complained of another shortly before collapsing.

Taylor played several positions, including nose tackle, for her team in the Bartlett Raiders Athletic Association. Cook County's chief medical examiner, Dr. Edmund Donoghue, called nose tackle "the toughest job on the defensive line" and one that has "a high potential for injury."

Fred Engh, president of the National Alliance for Youth Sports, an advocacy organization for safe sports, said some might focus on the fact that Taylor was a girl playing with boys. But he said that shouldn't matter.

"The key thing is, are the people instructed in safety? And for the most part, you find that they aren't," he said.

Barry Brinn, president of the athletic association, defended his coaches. He said safety — including making sure players wear proper equipment and meet weight requirements — is a priority. He also said there was nothing unusual about the full-contact practice on Aug. 27.

"There was no specific instance that you could pick out, no particular time when she was tackled that you could say, 'That was the one,'" said Brinn, whose association includes 400 children on 19 teams.

At least one physician agreed that as long as the proper equipment is worn, contact football is relatively safe, even for children.

"Children are more likely to be killed in car accidents than playing football," said Dr. John Grant, a neurosurgeon at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

Two California redwoods are infected

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A disease that has killed tens of thousands of oaks along California's northern coast has infected two of the state's most important types of conifers: the Douglas fir and the coastal redwood, the world's tallest species of tree.

Scientists confirmed Wednesday that the fir and the redwood are susceptible to the disease, known as Sudden Oak Death.

Researchers said it may take years before they know how seriously the highly contagious fungus will affect the giant trees. But they said the discovery could spell trouble elsewhere in the nation if the disease is able to spread.

"That's really a huge concern," said Matteo Garbelotto, who teaches ecosystem science at the University of California at Berkeley.

Experts said in January they had found evidence of the disease in coastal redwood sprouts, but were testing to see if the spores were just on the tree's surface. Now they've found the first evidence of the infection in redwoods and Douglas fir saplings.

So far, researchers have not found disease symptoms or death in large mature redwoods or Douglas fir.

Gov. Gray Davis has asked President Bush for $10 million in federal funding to fight the fungus. A request for federal aid last year was rejected.

Coastal redwoods grow only along the coastal fog belt, a narrow 500-mile band that extends into southern Oregon. Their great size — they can grow to be 300 feet tall — draws tourists to area forests. Redwoods are also logged commercially.

"The only tree that represents the whole country, if you will, is the redwood," said Garbelotto. "For many reasons, it's symbol of the country, of the ecosystem."

Douglas firs are logged for their wood and sold as a popular variety of Christmas tree.

The researchers' findings could curtail shipments of Douglas fir Christmas trees, wreaths or nursery stock, California Oak Mortality Task Force Chairman Mark Stanley said after a meeting Wednesday between state and federal regulators. It is unlikely to affect logs, cut lumber or mulch.

To try to contain the outbreak of the disease, trees have been cut down, camp sites closed and a quarantine imposed on the movement of wood products containing the pathogen.

The range of harm done to the diverse host species — from slight to severe — is giving scientists hope for the redwoods.

"It seems that some species are able to tolerate the pathogen better than others," said UC Davis plant pathologist Dave Rizzo.

The fungus, first discovered in Marin County in 1995, affects at least 17 species worldwide — 16 of them found in California. The 17th is found only in Europe.

Controversy surrounds who is winner of beauty contest

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — The Miss North Carolina beauty contest is getting ugly.

Superior Court Judge Narley Cashwell extended the reign of Rebekah Revels, who won the state pageant in June but resigned a month later after pageant officials learned of possible nude photos of her.

"I'm Miss North Carolina," Revels, 24, declared after Wednesday's ruling, wearing her crown. "I feel like justice has been served. I feel like I was unfairly treated."

But the tiara tiff is far from settled.

Another court hearing to sort out claims from both women was scheduled for today — a day before the state's contestant is supposed to participate in preliminaries leading up to the Sept. 21 Miss America pageant.

The Miss America Organization has said it recognizes Misty Clymer, who left Wednesday's court hearing without commenting. As first runner-up, Clymer became Miss North Carolina after Revels was forced to resign, and held the title until last week, when a judge returned the crown to Revels pending this week's hearing.

Both women have contracts with the Miss North Carolina organization, a franchise subsidiary of the national Miss America organization. Revels is pursuing a lawsuit against the Miss America pageant that says she should be the state contestant; Clymer has sued the state pageant.

"There's only one Miss North Carolina according to Miss America rules," Clymer's attorney, former Miss North Carolina Janet Ward Black, said during Wednesday's hearing. "Today, there are technically two Miss North Carolinas. Photographs were taken while she was changing clothes. She has since broken up with Welch and recently sued him.

Her testimony disputed that of a pageant official, who said Revels told him the shots were taken during "an intimate situation" with no mention that she was an unwilling participant.

Cashwell ruled the snapshots didn't prove Revels had violated the pageant's requirement that winners exhibit good moral character.

"I am satisfied that a finder of fact could conclude that she did not engage in an act or an activity that could be characterized as dishonest, immodest, indecent or in bad taste," he said.

Alan Clouse, the executive director of the North Carolina pageant, testified that Revels also said she had lived with Welch while in college. The pictures and the cohabitation violated the pageant's morals clause, Clouse claimed.

Revels' attorney, Barry Nakell, argued the morals clause doesn't specifically refer to nude photos and doesn't apply to events that occur before someone is crowned.

Actor hits air waves

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Screen star Arnold Schwarzenegger took to the airwaves again — this time in a new role of promoting an initiative on the November ballot that would channel more money to after- and before-school programs.

"Proposition 49 will get kids off the streets ... and into a safe, supervised educational environment," the star of the "Terminator" films and "Kindergarten Cop" says in one of the two ads.

Schwarzenegger, 55, contributed $1 million to support the proposition, which would dedicate as much as $550 million a year from existing taxes to after- and before-school programs for elementary and junior high school students.

Ask Hollywood by Holly Wood

Q: A recent question from K.H. of Homer City, Pa., states that Mark Wahlberg "used to sing with New Kids on the Block in the '80s." Wasn't that his brother, Donnie? I remember Mark as the Calvin Klein underwear model and a solo performer, but I don't think he was a member of NKOTB (which you didn't point out). A thousand lashes with a wet noodle if I'm wrong.

Also, I'm a big fan of science fiction movies, especially the black-and-white kind. I was watching "Them!" starring James Arness and James Whitmore, for the upteenth time, and I see this same scene in the movie over and over again. Is that not a very young Leonard Nimoy playing a young military officer in a quick, walk-on role? His name doesn't appear in the credits, but I swear it's him. Was this his first picture? It seems he was destined for science fiction from the beginning. — **R.G., Fayetville, Ark.**

A: Mark Wahlberg WAS a member of New Kids on the Block — for about three months. He backed out early on, before the group became a pre-teen hit. Later on he had his own pop-rap group, Marky Mark & the Funky Bunch. I'll pass on the beating with the noodles, though. I'm happy to say that no pasta has been harmed in the writing of this column.

As for your second question, you're correct — the telex operator is Leonard Nimoy. He plays a staff sergeant, but he is not listed in the credits.

"Them!" was released on 1954, and Nimoy's first film role was a bit part in the 1951 movie "Queen for a Day."

Q: What is the hauntingly beautiful song used during the shooting of the Secret Service agent in the season finale of "The West Wing"? Who sings it? — K.W., Murfreesboro, Tenn.

A: The name of the song is "Halleluja," performed by Jeff Buckley. It's a remake of a Leonard Cohen song. You can find it on Buckley's 1994 CD, "Grace."

Q: Please help! I would like to find a mailing address for Sharon Osbourne. — **L., via e-mail**

A: You can write to Osbourne at 9 Highpoint Drive, Gulf Breeze, FL 32561.

Q: In the movie "Ghost," starring Patrick Swayze and Whoopie Goldberg, who sang the song "Unchained Melody"? Has that person recorded other songs? Who was the first person to record the song? — **W.B., Duarte, Calif.**

A: The lyrics for "Unchained Melody" were written by Hy Zaret and Alex North for the 1955 film "Unchained." Todd Duncan sang it for the film. The Righteous Brothers released a version in 1965, and that version is on the "Ghost" soundtrack. They have released many albums. A few are "Right Now," "You've Lost That Lovin Feelin" and "Just Once in My Life." You can find "Unchained Melody" on several of their albums. One is the 1991 CD "Unchained Melody: Best of the Righteous Brothers."

Q: What is the good-looking Ron Silver doing these days? — **M.A., Oklahoma City, Okla.**

A: Earlier this year, Silver appeared in "Festival in Cannes," and last year he appeared in "Ali," with Will Smith.

TRIVIA: Leonard Nimoy got a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on Jan. 16, 1985.

(Send your questions to Ask Holly Wood, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y. 10016, or write to HollyWood85@hotmail.com. Because of the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.)

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Albertsons	25.80	24.99	25.73	+ .77
Alltel	41.50	40.90	41.43	— .42
AmEl Pw	32.19	31.50	32.00	— .02
AndarkPtr	43.52	42.70	43.51	+ .12
ATMOS Egy	21.85	21.51	21.53	— .13
Avail	11.44	11.31	11.35	+ .05
BP PLC	42.50	41.89	42.33	— .57
BakerHughes	27.06	25.97	26.89	— .10
Bank of Amer	66.75	65.50	66.73	— .64
BellSouth	22.22	21.36	21.77	— .35
BurlNorSFe	27.75	26.87	27.08	— 1.43
Caterpillar	42.17	41.40	42.17	— .48
ChevronTex	72.93	71.92	72.58	— .60
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USSteel	13.06	12.69	12.84	— .29
UnitedTech	58.12	56.15	56.83	— .17
Unocal	32.58	31.80	32.51	— .07
VerizonCmnc	29.50	28.70	28.90	— .10
WalMart	51.35	50.02	50.80	— 1.54
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WstnDigit	33.58	32.98	33.29	+ .07
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Texas community celebrates first 'American Idol'

BURLESON (AP) — Before she was an American idol, Kelly Clarkson was a high school singing standout with dreams much bigger than her small hometown.

After graduating from Burleson High School in 2000, Clarkson held several jobs while making demo tapes that she sent to record companies. The tapes were sent back, so she moved to Los Angeles for a few months but still couldn't break into the music business.

That all changed Wednesday night when the 20-year-old got a $1 million recording contract as the winner of the Fox summer television series "American Idol: Search for a Superstar."

More than 500 students and others watching the live show projected on big screens at Clarkson's alma mater cheered, applauded and hugged each other as the winner was announced.

Several groups of students in the Burleson gym lined up with T-shirts that spelled out Kelly's name. Many held signs.

"I'm just proud of her. It's like a dream to see our friend fulfill her dream," said Ashley Donovan, who worked with Clarkson in a movie theater in Burleson, a town of about 27,000 residents some 10 miles south of Fort Worth.

Clarkson started singing as a child and received lots of compliments after choir performances and talent shows, but she enjoyed sports as well and didn't focus on music until later, said her mother, Jeanne Taylor.

"People come up and tell me, 'When Kelly sings, I cry. There's just something about her voice,'" Taylor, a first-grade teacher, said last week. She and her husband were in Los Angeles on Wednesday watching the show.

Clarkson stayed after school in junior high to work with the choir teacher. She performed the lead in the school production of "Brigadoon" her senior year.

"She has an incredible range, and she could do pop or Broadway," said Philip Glenn, Burleson High's choir director. "She's grounded, and she doesn't take anything for granted. The thing that played a role is her God-given ability and her work ethic."

Clarkson was active in the high school show choir that performed overseas. When her family couldn't afford to send her, friends and teachers helped pay for her trips.

Money was sometimes tight for Clarkson's middle-class family — including two older siblings and five stepsiblings. A family friend finished paying for Clarkson's braces on her teeth.

Because people have helped her, Clarkson is generous and thinks of others before herself, said her stepfather, Jimmy Taylor. Clarkson once gave $5, all the money in her wallet, to a homeless person — and then nearly ran out of gas on the way home.

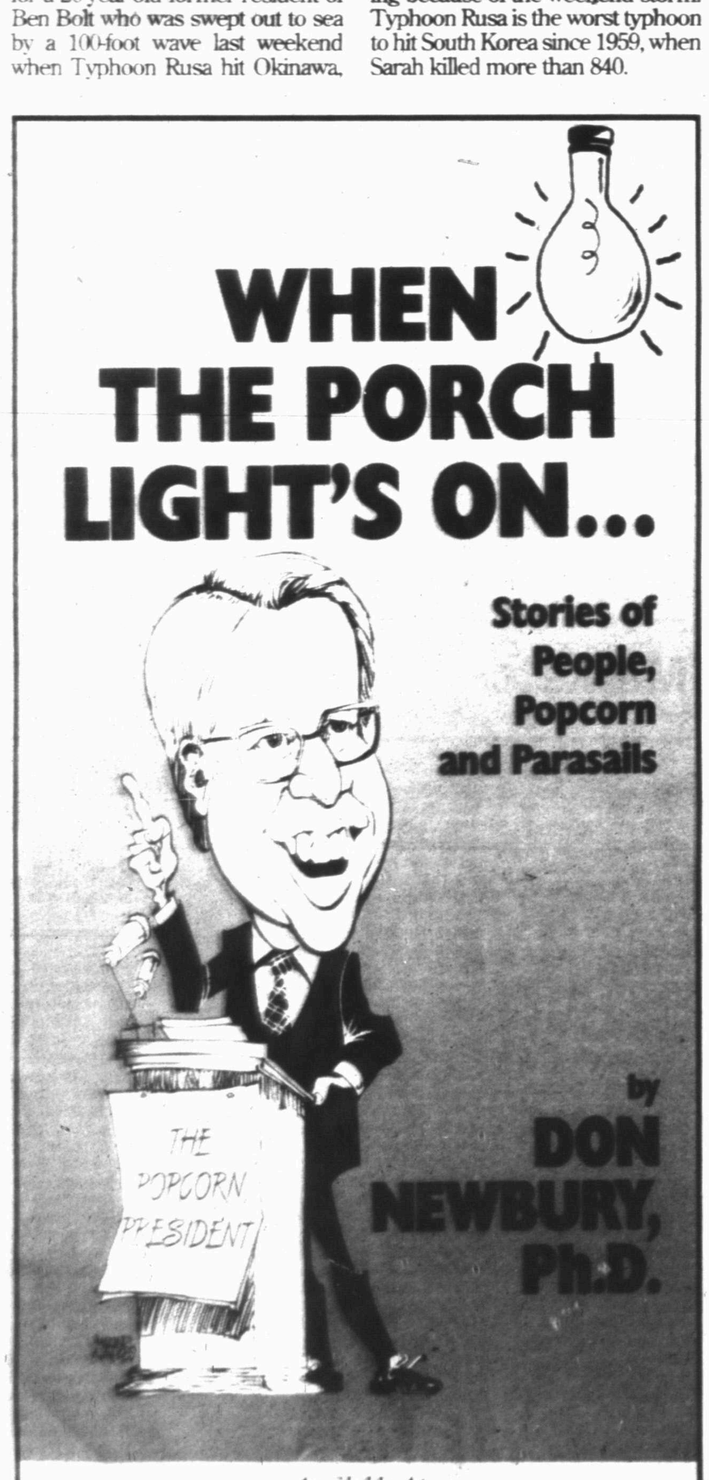
Family and friends said success won't change Clarkson.

"As an educator, I'm proud that the American idol is a genuine person, somebody we're all proud of," said Burleson High Principal Richard Crummel. "Hey — America is in love with Kelly." —

Search ends for missing Texas Marine

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — After almost a week of searching, the Marines have called off the search for a 20-year-old former resident of Ben Bolt who was swept out to sea by a 100-foot wave last weekend when Typhoon Rusa hit Okinawa, Japan.

At least 119 people have been confirmed dead and 65 others missing because of the weekend storm. Typhoon Rusa is the worst typhoon to hit South Korea since 1959, when Sarah killed more than 840.



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School reform begins in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — When art teacher Judith Wood looks around the Luis Muñoz-Marin Elementary School, she doesn't see the bad teachers and unmotivated administrators that lawmakers have long claimed are responsible for poor student test scores.

She sees children who are sickly thin or suffering from chronic asthma, kids being raised by grandparents because mothers and fathers are on drugs or in jail, students from poor families who speak English as a second language.

"These kids are struggling," Wood said. "But it's not because they go to a bad school."

As a new school year begins today, Wood and scores of other teachers are questioning Philadelphia's plan to transform its schools by turning them over to private companies. They believe what goes on inside the classroom isn't the only problem facing the district.

Munoz-Marin was one of 20 Philadelphia schools handed over this summer to Edison Schools, the for-profit education company that has become the center of debate over whether private companies can do a better job running public schools than the government.

Twenty-five other Philadelphia schools are opening the school year under the control of other firms, universities and nonprofit groups, including Chancellor Beacon Academies, Victory Schools and the University of Pennsylvania.

State lawmakers, who seized control of the district in December, have heralded privatization, saying the new school managers will shed bureaucracy, hold teachers and students to a higher standard, and implement innovative curricula.

But teachers warn not to expect a drastic turnaround. For years they have seen other reform efforts fail in slums where children are exposed to drugs and suffer from a lack of parental involvement.

"These private companies act like they can reinvent the wheel," Wood said. "They'll bring in a new staff, new principals, but after three years of experiments it's not going to be better, it's not going to be worse, and at the end of it all you are still going to be dealing with students who are impoverished."

Katrina Bulkley, an assistant professor of education policy at Rutgers University's Graduate School of Education, said companies like Edison have been handed the schools with the worst socioeconomic problems — a factor that will handicap their efforts to turn them around quickly.

"They are going to have to struggle with the fact that the kids come to school with a whole host of problems that you really can't do anything about, no matter who is running the school," Bulkley said.

Edison has acknowledged the difficulty of its mission, but said the key is to refuse to hold students from poor neighborhoods to a lower standard.

The company's Chicago Math instruction program, for example, is considered among the most demanding for both students and teachers, and begins introducing algebraic concepts as early as elementary school.

Edison also tracks individual students more carefully than most public schools and provides extra teacher training — something the company said is essential in an underprivileged district where many teachers cannot afford to take classes on their own.

There are other areas, though, where the company will have less control.

Many of Philadelphia's schools are in dangerous neighborhoods and have had trouble attracting and retaining teachers. Some schools have trouble retaining students as well; in transient neighborhoods, it isn't unusual for students to move two or three times in one year because their parents find work elsewhere or get evicted.

Susan Fuhrman, dean of the University of Pennsylvania's graduate school of education, said the nation has produced only a handful of success stories when it comes to turning around urban school districts, most of them at elementary schools in smaller, more affluent cities.

"But even though the social problems are very real, you can't just give up," she said. "Even if these reforms don't work, we are learning a tremendous amount. And if charter schools don't produce or the privates don't produce, we can say, 'Well, what worked, what didn't work,' and go from there.

"The important thing is that, after decades of writing these schools off as a lost cause, we are trying something."

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Friday, Sept. 6, 2002

The positive changes you make in the year ahead to depart from your previous patterns and basic lifestyle could turn out to provide you with a lot more fun and contentment than you've known for some time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today, boasting about things that you have yet to accomplish can make you look blusterous. Do what you intend to do and let the results speak for themselves. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Just because someone expounds his/her ideas in a dramatic fashion doesn't necessarily make this person smarter or better. Analyze the worth of facts and it may debunk the illusion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Don't be a participant in a joint venture today if the roles aren't equal. This is especially true if money is being exchanged or if you're asked to take a minority position.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Realistically size up the caliber of those with whom you joust today — underrating your competition could produce undesirable consequences.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — It may become very important today for you to maintain a positive, realistic attitude toward your work. If you inflate the size of a job, you may let it overwhelm you — or you may never even attempt it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — You are completely on your own today. Don't kid yourself into believing that others are looking out for anything other than their own survival. You'll be left unprotected.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — It doesn't matter if you are in complete accord with your mate; unless you support him/her in front of others, it could cause an embarrassing impression.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Instead of believing you're the only one with fresh, workable ideas, invite co-workers to express their views and opinions. You might be amazed at what they come up with.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Again today, unless you are financially disciplined, there is a good chance you will make a serious dent in your budget. What you waste now will be gone forever.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — If you handle a problem today in such a way that merely puts it out of sight, you won't be ridding yourself of it, but could, in fact, be compounding it. Resolve it and be done with it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Those who you are trying to sell to today will not be impressed by tall story-telling, but they will sit up and take notice of forthright facts and figures. Give them only the particulars.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — It is best today that you avoid acquaintances who are high rollers, or you might be the one who gets rolled. Spending way beyond your means is a quick way to empty your pockets.

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Standoff: Robbery suspect kills himself

HOUSTON (AP) — A man who alternately pointed a gun at his head and chest shot himself to death Wednesday after a three-hour standoff with police outside a southeast Houston motel.

Police cornered the man as he tried to drive away from a nearby pharmacy. A pharmacist technician had called police, saying she recognized a man who had robbed the pharmacy three months earlier.

"We were positive he was going to rob us again," Shellie Ortiz, the technician, said in a story in the Houston Chronicle. "I called 911, and they (police) caught him going out of the parking lot."

Ortiz said she was returning to lunch when she saw the man in the parking lot and recognized him as the gunman who took narcotics and cash on June 5.

Police said the man never threatened anyone during Wednesday's standoff.

The man told negotiators by telephone that he had been in prison and didn't intend to return, said Capt. Mike Walker of the Houston Police Department's tactical operations division.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

Remembrances of September 11 are shared through commission

DEAR ABBY: How can people observe the first anniversary of Sept. 11 in a personal way with family and friends?

This question has been posed to the White House Commission on Remembrance by teenagers and seniors alike. In response, we have developed a special remembrance, centered on the theme "Stand With Courage:"

Real courage is born of necessity in a crisis, exemplified by the actions displayed by the passengers on the fateful United Airlines Flight 93, or the men and women who ran up the stairs of the collapsing buildings in the call of duty. It is reflected in the bravery of the wives, husbands and children who have continued with their lives after the devastating loss of their loved ones.

Every one of us can observe the anniversary of the attacks by pausing for a personal moment of remembrance, which includes the symbolic ringing of a bell three times (once for each site) and an informal candlelight vigil. Suggestions for such a remembrance are available on the commission's Web site at www.remember.gov. These ideas include gathering with loved ones for dinner, saying a prayer for the families of those who died, driving with headlights illuminated or displaying the American flag.

"You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face," Eleanor Roosevelt once said. "You are able to say to yourself, 'I have lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along.'"

We can continue to affirm our strength as a nation by renewing our faith and courage on this first anniversary of the attacks. — **CARMELLA LA SPADA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WHITE HOUSE COMMISSION ON REMEMBRANCE**

DEAR CARMELLA: I would like to join you in extending my deepest sympathy to the families and friends of the people who perished in the attacks on the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the plane that went down in Pennsylvania; also those brave souls who sacrificed their lives trying to rescue others on that horrific day.

As much as we might wish otherwise, we must be prepared for "the next thing that comes along." To me, that means also supporting those young men and women who have put their personal lives aside and have assumed roles in our military to protect us all from terrorism.

Often this has been done at great expense to themselves, as they put family lives and careers on hold in order to do it.

I have been told repeatedly that the greatest morale booster for our service members stationed far from home is mail call.

A simple and easy way to express our gratitude to these brave and idealistic men and women is to e-mail them a personal message of support via www.OperationDearAbby.net. This Web site is an official program of the Department of Defense, and is noncommercial.

People who don't know how to operate a computer can ask a friend who has one to help them do it, or they can go to a public library or computer store and ask for assistance.

Simply type in: www.OperationDearAbby.net, select "send a message," and start writing.

I'm reminded of a quote from President John F. Kennedy's inaugural address: "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country."

Today I would like to paraphrase it: Ask not what your country can do for you; ask instead what you can do for those courageous individuals who so selflessly and bravely serve our country.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $5 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby — Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.)

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Sept. 11 terrorist attacks...

Recent report says financial impact may reach $95 billion

NEW YORK (AP) — In the fullest picture yet of the financial impact of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, a new report estimates the devastation may total $95 billion and cost the city 83,000 jobs.

Comptroller William Thompson's 58-page analysis, released Wednesday, said an estimated $21.8 billion will be needed just to replace buildings, infrastructure and tenants' financial losses caused by the Sept. 11 attacks.

"While this devastating event can never be reduced to numbers, it is clear that New York City and the nation will continue to suffer its economic ramifications for years to come," Thompson wrote.

A separate report released Wednesday showed tourism also was hard-hit by the attacks. Despite a slight increase in the numbers of domestic visitors to New York in 2001, tourists spent nearly $1 billion less than in the previous year, and stayed for shorter periods of time, said Cristyne Lategano, president of NYC & Company, the city's tourism bureau.

The report on the economic toll also noted:

— About half of the city's projected $6 billion budget deficit is directly attributable to the terrorist attack, including almost $3 billion in lost tax revenue. The city has also paid some $500 million in expenses that have not been reimbursed, including police and fire overtime and security costs.

New York also eventually must pay some $36 million in debt service costs on the $1.5 billion in bonds issued to balance its budget in the immediate weeks after the Sept. 11 attack.

— Lower Manhattan's stock of commercial buildings — the nation's third largest block of commercial office space after midtown Manhattan and Chicago's business district — lost some 13 million square feet of prime office space, which equals the entire office space inventory of Atlanta or Miami. An additional 30 million square feet of office space was damaged.

While $21.4 billion in federal aide has been set asitle, only $2.7 billion has been released so far, the report said.

Federal lawsuit claims Iraqi officials knew about attacks

NEW YORK (AP) — A new lawsuit tries to link Iraq to terrorism targeting the United States, alleging that Iraqi officials were aware, before Sept. 11, of plans by Osama bin Laden to attack New York and the Pentagon.

The suit, filed Wednesday on behalf of 1,400 victims of the Sept. 11 attacks and their families, also claims Iraq sponsored terrorists for a decade to avenge its defeat in the Gulf War.

"Since Iraq could not defeat the U.S. military, it resorted to terror attacks on U.S. citizens," said the lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court.

The suit names bin Laden, al-Qaida and Iraq as defendants and seeks more than $1 trillion in damages. It was brought by Kreindler & Kreindler, a New York law firm specializing in aviation disaster litigation.

It relies in part on a newspaper article published July 21, 2001, in Al Nasiriyah, 185 miles southwest of Baghdad. The law firm provided The Associated Press with a copy of the article written in Arabic and an English translation.

According to the lawsuit, a columnist writing under the byline Naeem Abd Muhalhal described bin Laden thinking "seriously, with the seriousness of the Bedouin of the desert, about the way he will try to bomb the Pentagon after he destroys the White House."

The columnist also allegedly wrote that bin Laden was "insisting very convincingly that he will strike America on the arm that is already hurting," a possible reference to the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center.

The lawsuit says a former associate of Muhalhal contends the writer has been connected with Iraqi intelligence since the early 1980s. It also says Muhalhal was praised by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein in the Sept. 1, 2001, issue for his "documentation of important events and heroic deeds that proud Iraqis have accomplished."

Jim Kreindler, a lawyer for the firm, said Muhalhal had advance knowledge of al-Qaida's specific targets on Sept. 11 and that "Iraqi officials were aware of plans to attack American landmarks."

"Further, we have evidence that Iraq provided support for bin Laden and his al-Qaida terror organization for nearly a decade," he said.

The lawsuit said there have been numerous meetings between Iraqi intelligence agents and high-ranking al-Qaida members to plan terror attacks.

The suit said bin Laden's chief deputy, Ayman al-Zawahiri, whose whereabouts are unknown, met with Iraqi intelligence agents in Baghdad in 1992. An Iraqi serving with the Taliban who fled Afghanistan in the fall of 2001 and was captured in Kurdistan has corroborated the meeting and confirmed that Iraqi contacts with al-Qaida began in 1992, the lawsuit said.

The lawsuit noted that Ramzi Yousef arrived in New York on Sept. 1, 1992, with an Iraqi passport to begin planning the 1993 trade center bombing that killed six people and injured more than 1,000 others. Yousef is serving a life prison term after being convicted in the bombing and a plot to blow up a dozen airliners over the Far East in 1995.

Serial killer profile: White, 25-35 years old

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — The serial killer is likely white, socially inept with women and between 25 and 35 years old. He seems like a nice guy, doesn't make much money and is strong enough to lift 175 pounds.

Authorities hope that profile will jog someone's memory as they investigate the slayings of three Baton Rouge women, whose deaths within the past year have been linked by DNA evidence.

FBI experts and local police who created the profile released details in segments Tuesday and Wednesday, along with images of footprints the killer left behind. Police say the prints indicate he probably spent lots of time watching women, including the three victims, and at some point tried to approach them.

"However, his level of sophistication in interacting with women, especially women who are above him in the social strata, is low," the profile reads.

He blends in with the community and seems to be a nice guy, but is impulsive and would have shown fits of anger and agitation when information about the murders was released, paying special attention to media coverage, police said.

The profile included the image of an athletic shoe print believed to belong to the killer, who wears a size 10 or 11.

Police wouldn't say whether he stalked the victims, but said he likely learned their behavior patterns by observing them or casually running into them, which would not have made the women suspicious.

"He may come across to some women as a nice guy who might have tried to get a little too close to them too soon, but otherwise is a non-threatening person," said police spokeswoman Cpl. Mary Ann Godawa.

Charlotte Pace, 22, was stabbed to death May 31. Pam Kinamore, 44, was abducted from her home July 12. Her throat was slit and her body dumped about 30 miles away from Baton Rouge. Gina Green, 41, was found strangled in her home Sept. 24, 2001.

Dr. Gott

By Peter Gott, M.D.

Visual symptoms need diagnosing

DEAR DR. GOTT: I have photopsia, a sensation of whirling sparks in my vision. Other than a high triglyceride level, all other tests have been normal. What do you suggest?

DEAR READER: Photopsia is a serious symptom of an eye problem that needs careful attention by an ophthalmologist. The sensation of whirling sparks means that the retina — the thin film on the back of the eyeball that is essential for vision — is being inappropriately stimulated. Retinal tears (when a part of the retina peels away from its base because of a defect) and posterior vitreous detachment (when the jelly-like filling of the eyeball retracts and pulls part of the retina with it) are the two most common causes of photopsia. Both conditions are treatable. See your ophthalmologist.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I'm a woman, 44, diagnosed with fibromyalgia for which I take ibuprofen. I feel miserable and suffer from more fatigue than a person my age should experience. What can I do?

DEAR READER: Fibromyalgia is an affliction of unknown cause, marked by stiff, tender and painful muscles. "Trigger points," especially sensitive areas, are usually present. The disorder may be induced (or worsened) by stress, viral infections (of any kind), exposure to cold, stress and poor sleep habits. It is associated with chronic fatigue syndrome, a poorly understood condition, characterized by periodic exhaustion, malaise and swollen glands.

Both fibromyalgia and chronic fatigue syndrome must be differentiated from other, more serious diseases, such as rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, polymyalgia, hidden infections, hypothyroidism, anemia and Lyme disease. Blood tests are essential in making this differentiation, since they are normal in fibromyalgia and chronic fatigue syndrome.

For unknown reasons, fibromyalgia often disappears spontaneously, although it may reappear in cycles. Stretching exercises, heat, improved sleep, massage, pain medication (including ibuprofen) and local injections of Novocaine may relieve symptoms. The affliction is not a hazard to physical health but, for obvious reasons, it may have an impact on the quality of life.

Chronic fatigue syndrome is much more challenging to treat. It may respond to counseling.

The main problem with these two disorders is that they may represent an early stage of a treatable disease, as I mentioned above. To complicate matters further, blood tests for these diseases may not turn positive during the initial phase.

Inasmuch as you are still plagued by symptoms, I recommend that you be examined and tested by a rheumatologist, who will review the investigation performed by your family physician, perhaps order more tests and offer further advice. Don't give up your search until you have exhausted all the diagnostic possibilities.

To give your related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Medical Specialists." Other readers who would like a copy should send a self-addressed, stamped envelope and $2 to Newsletter, P.O. Box 167, Wickliffe, OH 44092-0167. Be sure to mention the title.

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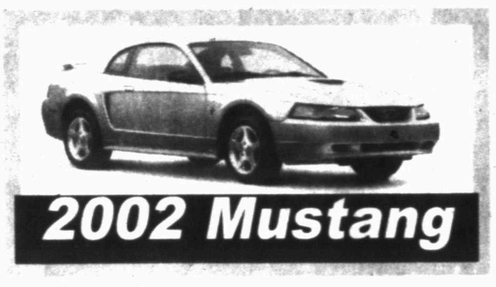
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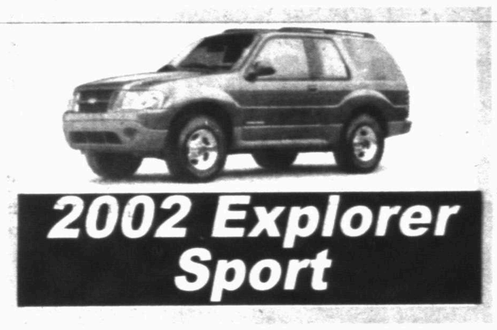
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Karzai survives assassination attempt

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — President Hamid Karzai survived an assassination attempt today when an Afghan security guard fired at his car as it was leaving the governor's mansion here, witnesses said. The attack came just after a huge explosion in the capital that police said killed 10 people.

The Kandahar governor, Gul Agha Sherzai, was wounded in the attack, and witnesses saw him bleeding from the neck. In Washington, President Bush expressed relief that Karzai was not hurt.

The attacks in Kandahar and Kabul came less than a week ahead of the Sept. 11 anniversary, and at a time when Afghanistan was remembering northern alliance leader Ahmed Shah Massood, killed Sept. 9, 2001, in an assassination attempt blamed on Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida terror network.

Karzai was in Kandahar, the former spiritual headquarters of the Taliban, to attend a wedding celebration for his youngest brother, Ahmed Wali Karzai.

The Afghan president's American bodyguards opened fire in response to the shooting, and three people were killed including one who was wearing an Afghan military uniform.

Lt. Tina Kroske, a spokeswoman for the U.S. military at Bagram air base, the U.S. military headquarters in Afghanistan, confirmed that U.S. special operations forces did open fire on the attackers, killing three people.

It was not known if the Kandahar governor was wounded by gunfire from the assailant or from shots fired afterward.

"I was just outside the gate when I heard the gunshots," Sherzai's security chief Dur Mohammed said. "The Americans opened fire on three people and they were killed."

After the attack, Karzai returned to the governor's guesthouse, where he is staying, and said he was fine. "As he arrived here he assured people that he was fine," said BBC reporter Lyse Doucet, who saw the attack.

Sherzai is being treated at the hospital at the U.S. air base in Kandahar, said Capt. Christa D'Andrea, a U.S. spokesman at Bagram air base, the U.S. military headquarters in Afghanistan.

Bush attends fundraisers for key GOP congressional races

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Call it President Bush's "House-keeping" road trip. In a 13-hour, 1,300-mile swing, Bush today headed into two of the nation's hottest congressional races, attending fund-raisers to help protect the slim Republican edge in the House.

Bush also sought to show he remains engaged in the economy at a time when the national discussion on Iraq threatens to drown out his domestic agenda. Behind closed doors, his advisers are debating whether to offer a fresh round of tax cuts to spur the economy.

Global events intruded when Bush arrived here, when an assassin tried unsuccessfully to kill Afghan President Hamid Karzai and his American body guards opened fire. Bush was informed of the attack when he stepped onto the tarmac, and said through a spokeswoman he was relieved Karzai was unhurt.

Bush first met with here with business leaders, and in both Kentucky and Indiana, he planned to promote legislation he believes would boost the economy. Bush started his day here by meeting with Louisville's Little League team, fresh off their victory at the Little League World Series.

The White House has taken a keen interest in the drive by Rep. Anne Northup, R-Ky., to hold onto her seat in the face of a challenge by Democrat Jack Conway. Northup, first elected in 1996, is a perennial Democratic target, and Democrats consider this one of their best opportunities to defeat a GOP incumbent.

Lynne Cheney, the wife of Vice President Dick Cheney, made her debut as a fund-raising headliner last month in Louisville, stumping for Northup. The vice president raised money for Northup in February.

Now Bush joins the effort, in his 51st fund raiser of the year, which the White House said would raise $550,000, including $100,000 for the state GOP.

No. 52 was scheduled later today in South Bend, Ind., where Bush was the star attraction at a fund raiser for Republican Chris Chocola, who is trying to defeat Democrat Jill Long-Thompson.

Democratic Rep. Tim Roemer is retiring, and the seat is a prime target for Republicans. Chocola ran unsuccessfully against Roemer in 2000. Cheney raised money for Chocola in May.

Bush's appearance was to haul in another $550,000, $220,000 of it for the GOP.

Lawn chairs are reported stolen in Snyder

•Thefts

C.B. Freeman reported the theft of lawn chairs Wednesday morning and a report was filed for Class B theft.

Also Wednesday morning, Mary Davis reported the theft of a bicycle from her residence, but the bike was located before the officer's arrival.

•Criminal trespass

A man in the 2400 block of 25th Street requested officers at his residence in reference to a woman being there despite a criminal trespass warning. Officers told the woman to stay away from the residence.

•Domestic dispute

Officers responded to Park Village apartments Wednesday night because of a dispute between four individuals. The officers were advised no assault had occurred and one of the subjects involved was leaving the premises

•Close patrol

A woman reported cars racing on El Paso Ave. Wednesday night and requested a close patrol of the area.

•Noise disturbance

An unknown caller reported a noise disturbance in the 3700 block of Nobel Dr. early today. Officers spoke with several people visiting under a carport and they agreed to go inside the house.

• Vehicle fire

One fire truck and 14 firemen responded to a report of a vehicle on fire on FM 1607 shortly before 11 p.m. Wednesday. A 1997 Dodge pickup belonging to Mario Rodriquez of Anson caught fire in the engine compartment. The vehicle was a total loss despite the efforts of DPS Trooper Bill Blakley who tried to put out the fire with a dry chemical fire extinguisher.

•Snake bite

C.W. Berryman called 9-1-1 at 9 a.m. Wednesday and reported he was bitten by a snake. Borden County EMS responded and transported Mr. Berryman to Cogdell Hospital's emergency room. He was later transferred to Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

Obituaries

Gerrel Bigham

1921-2002

Gerrel Watson Bigham, longtime house mover in West Texas, died Wednesday, Sept. 4, in the State Veteran's Home in Big Spring after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. Bigham, 81, is set for 2 p.m. Saturday in the First Baptist Church with the Rev. David Miller of Borger officiating. Burial will follow in the Hillside Memorial Gardens under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Gerrel Bigham

Born Feb. 23, 1921 in Hastings, Okla., he joined the U.S. Marines in 1942, serving 27 months in the South Pacific. While in the Marines, he began corresponding with Rosalie Miller. When he returned home on furlough, he went to meet his pen pal who lived 13 miles away from his hometown of Lefors.

Eleven months later he married Rosa Miller on Dec. 24, 1945 at her parents' home in Pampa. Mrs. Bigham died May 24, 2001.

The couple spent their first nine months at Camp Pendleton in San Diego. After he was discharged from the Marines, they moved back to Lefors and joined the house moving business started by his father, W.K. Bigham, in 1927.

Mr. Bigham had been on a job and was on his way home when he came upon Snyder which he said was lighted up like a Christmas tree because of all the drilling activity. The Bighams moved to Snyder in 1949 to own and operate W.K. Bigham and Sons Inc. house moving company.

The Bighams lived at 4500 College Avenue since 1954 in a house that was moved in by his company.

A member of the First Baptist Church, Mr. Bigham also was a member of the Snyder volunteer fire department, Snyder Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite Bodies, Suez Temple Shrine and a Past Patron of the Order of Eastern Star Chapter 450.

Mr. Bigham was preceded in death by four brothers.

Survivors include three daughters, Gloria Cato and husband Gary of Snyder, Marcella Thomas of Lubbock and Teresa Bigham of Pecos; a son, Danny Bigham of Lubbock; five sisters, Willie Mae McElroy, Yvonne Smith and Peggy Winegeart, all of Pampa, Melba Holland of Conroe and Faye Wilson of Grove, Okla.; a brother, Melvin Bigham of Lubbock; a granddaughter and husband, Kimberly and David Lane of Snyder; two great-grandchildren, Colton and Cenna Lane of Snyder; two stepgrandchildren and their spouses, Jonni and Andy Hart of Brenham and Dean and Jessica Cato of San Angelo; four step-great-grandchildren, Hannah and Benjamin Hart of Brenham and Joseph and Clayton Laws of San Angelo.

The family suggests memorials to the Home Hospice, 600 N. Gregg in Big Spring, 79720.

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Roy Hallman

1914-2002

Andrew Roy Hallman of the Inadale community died Tuesday, Sept. 3, in Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Funeral service for Mr. Hallman, 88, is set for 2 p.m. Friday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Blake Westbrook, grandson-in-law of Fritz, Tex., will officiate. Interment will follow in the Pyron Cemetery.

Born Feb. 23, 1914 in Mitchell County, he married Loreta Williams on Jan. 19, 1946 in Scurry County.

Mr. Hallman was a lifelong resident of the Inadale area and a retired farmer.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Max Hallman; and a sister, Mae Wheeler.

Survivors include his wife, Loreta Hallman of Inadale; a daughter and son-in-law, Bobbie Joyce and John Dever of Coahoma; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Royce Walker of Sweetwater, Billy and Kay Hallman of Sweetwater, Rodney and Phyllis Hallman of Tubac, Ariz., and Jerry and Mary Hallman of Big Spring; 12 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be grandsons Robin Hallman, Kyle Hallman, Scott Hallman, Gregg Hallman, Jeff Dever, Johnny Dever and James Dever.

The family will greet friends from 6:30 to 8 this evening at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Johnny Benitez

1955-2002

Juan "Johnny" Benitez Jr. of Snyder died Wednesday, Sept. 4, in Brownwood Regional Medical Center.

Services for Mr. Benitez, 47, are pending at Wright Colonial Funeral Home.

Mr. Benitez was a pumper for Pure Resources before retiring about two years ago because of an illness.

He was preceded in death by his father, Juan L. Benitez Sr., on Nov. 10, 1975.

Survivors include his mother, Amalia Benitez of Snyder; two sisters, Erminia Garza and Dora Alvarez, both of Snyder; two brothers, Martin Benitez and Frankie Benitez and his wife, Mary Lou, all of Snyder; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

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events

WHAT'S UP?

ONGOINGS

Cub Scout rally and registration

Anyone wanting to join the Cub Scouts is invited to the Cub Scout rally for boys in grades 1-5 at 7 t his evening in the West Elementary cafeteria. Call 574-2532, or 573-5183 for more information.

Junior High pictures

School pictures will be taken at Snyder Junior High School Friday. Students have received picture packets and pictures must be paid for in advance.

Golf team car wash

SJHS golf team will have a car wash fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Wal-Mart. Cost is a donation.

PDU car wash

The Price Daniel Unit will sponsor a car wash from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at United. The car wash will benefit the State Employees Charities Campaign.

Word Is Life revival

The Word is Life Deliverance Church will have a revival Sunday through Tuesday. Sunday times: 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Weekdays at 7 p.m. Isaiah Reed is the evangelist.

Enchilada dinner

Discovery School will have its annual enchilada dinner from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Sunday at First United Methodist Church. Tickets are available at the school office or by calling 573-4770.

Annual fall round-up

First Christian Church, 2701 37th Street, will have its annual fall round-up from 6-8 p.m. Sunday.

Tiger Pride cards

Snyder Junior High students will be selling Tiger Pride cards for $10 through Monday. Contact any junior high student or call the school at 573-6356. The money goes to the activity fund.

Stanfield Parent Council

Stanfield Parent Council will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in the lounge in the front hallway. All parents are invited.

Retired teachers fellowship

Scurry County Retired Teachers will have an ice cream fellowship at 7 p.m. Monday in the Wesley Hall of the First United Methodist Church.

Support groups

Adult family violence support group and children's family violence support group meets at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at Gateway Family Service. For information call 573-1822.

Two CPR courses

Western Texas College will a second CPR course, CPR for Health Care Providers, Tuesday and Wednesday from 6-10 p.m. Cost is $45. For more information, contact Tammy Shirley at 573-8511, ext. 342.

AARP board meeting

AARP board meeting will be at 8 a.m. Wednesday at Rudy's.

Scholarship fundraiser

Borden County Parents Club will sell Krispy Kreme donuts at Wal-Mart starting at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 14.

Alzheimer's support group

An Alzheimer's meeting for caretakers, family members and interested persons will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17, in the library of Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Guadalupe Church Jamaica

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church will hold its Jamaica celebration Sunday, Sept. 22. The event will start at 8 a.m. and conclude at 8 p.m. There will be food, volleyball, live music and the event is a fundraiser for the church.

Bible school

Son Canyon River Adventure Bible School will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church from 6:30-8 p.m. every Wednesday in September, and on Saturday, Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Open to all children from infants to 7th grade. Call the church office at 573-3988 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Wednesdays.

SHS class of 1988 homecoming

The SHS class of 1988 will meet at 5 p.m. for the before game booster meal at the high school and then attend the game between the Tigers and Ft. Stockton on Sept. 27. There will be a get-together after the game. Call Meredith at 254-223-3193 for more information.

Trains and things

Scurry County parks department is looking for loans of model trains and railroad-related items to be displayed during the Oct. 12 White Buffalo Festival. Items are needed by Oct. 7.

Adult basic education classes

Adult basic education classes at WTC are held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. until noon, and from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. Classes include E.S.L., GED and refresher courses. Certified teachers and Spanish-speaking aides teach these classes. Call 573-8511, ext. 322.

WTC pool, gym hours

The WTC pool and gym are now open Monday through Thursday. The gym is open from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. The pool is available from 6:30 to 8 a.m., noon to 1 p.m. and 7 to 8:50 p.m. The gym closes at 4 p.m. on Friday and the pool is open only in the morning and at noon on Fridays. Memberships are $50 per semester or visits are $2. Contact Christy Cerecedes for information at 573-8511, ext 290.

Football T-shirt sale

SHS student council will sell football t-shirts before home games at the front stadium gate. Shirts are also available by calling Christy Smith at 573-6301.